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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

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EMMANUEL CHURCH, WARRENTON,

On Wednesday May 16, Thursday May 17, Friday May 18, Saturday
May 19, and Monday May 21,

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LIST OF CLERGY,

In the Diocese of North Carolina, entitled to Seats in the Convention.

- Right Rev. THOMAS ATKINSON, D. D., Bishop, and President *ex officio* of the Convention.
- Rev. R. W. BARBER, Missionary, Wilkes, Yadkin, and Iredell Counties.
- Rev. GEORGE BENTON, Rector of Christ Church, Rockfish, Cumberland County.
- Rev. JARVIS BUXTON, Rector of Trinity Church, Asheville.
- Rev. JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE, Rector of Calvary Church, Tarborough, and Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.
- Rev. BENJAMIN SWAN BRONSON, Minister, St. Thomas's, Windsor.
- Rev. JOHN BECKWITH, Jr., Rector, Calvary Church, Wadesborough.
- Rev. J. B. DONNELLY, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
- Rev. R. B. DRANE, D. D., Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.
- Rev. F. FITZGERALD, Rector, St. Mark's, Halifax, and Church of the Saviour, Northampton.
- Rev. E. N. FORBES, Rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth City.
- Rev. EDWIN GEER, Rector of St. Peter's, Washington.
- Rev. H. F. GREENE, Rector of Christ Church, Newbern.
- Rev. PEYTON GALLAGHER, Missionary, St. Paul's, Clinton, Sampson County, and Bladen County.
- Rev. F. M. HUBBARD, Professor, Chapel Hill.
- Rev. JOS. C. HUSKE, Rector of St. John's, Fayetteville.
- Rev. N. COLLIN HUGHES, Missionary, Pitt and Beaufort Counties, (Washington, N. C.)
- Rev. HORATIO H. HEWITT, Rector, St. Peter's, Charlotte, and St. Luke's, Lincolnton.
- Rev. RICH'D HINES, Minister, St. John's, Williamsborough, and Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.
- Rev. S. I. JOHNSTON, Rector, St. Paul's, Edenton.
- Rev. J. R. LEE, Rector, Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.
- Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D., Rector, Christ Church, Raleigh.
- Rev. R. H. MASON, Missionary, Raleigh and parts adjacent.
- Rev. JOS. W. MURPHY, Missionary, Scuppernong, Washington County, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. WILLIAM MURPHY, Deacon.
- Rev. A. F. OLMSTED, Rector of St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough.
- Rev. JOHN HAYWOOD PARKER, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.
- Rev. CHARLES M. PARKMAN, assisting Rev. E. N. Forbes, Elizabeth City.
- Rev. H. H. PROUT, Lenoir, Caldwell County, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. JAS. T. PICKETT, Rector, Grace Church, Morganton.
- Rev. GEORGE PATTERSON, Deacon, assisting Rev. A. A. Watson, Grace Church, Plymouth.
- Rev. A. SMEDES, D. D., St. Mary's School, Raleigh.
- Rev. W. E. SNOWDEN, Rector, Holy Trinity, Hertford, Perquimans County.

Rev. W. W. SKILES, Deacon, Watauga County.

Rev. LEWIS TAYLOR, Granville County.

Rev. LEONIDAS L. SMITH, Rector, Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.

Rev. A. A. WATSON, Rector, Grace Church, Plymouth.

Rev. J. T. WHEAT, D. D., Professor, Chapel Hill.

Rev. G. B. WETMORE, Minister, St. Philip's Church, Mocksville, and
Missionary in parts adjacent.

*Rev. ROBERT F. SUTTON, Rector, St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.

The Rev. Messrs. WATSON, WETMORE, WHEAT, TAYLOR, SKILES,
PROUT, WILLIAM MURPHY, JOHNSTON, GALLAGHER, BUXTON, BEN-
TON, and BARBER, were not present at this Convention.

*The Rev. Mr. SUTTON not entitled to a seat at this Convention but
as an honorary member.

L A Y D E L E G A T E S .

*ISRAEL HARDING,	}	Trinity Church, Beaufort County.
*H. HARDING,		
W. J. LAUGHINGHOUSE,		
*WM. H. PATRICK,	}	" " " " Alternates.
S. S. BARBOUR,		
W. H. STROTHER,	}	St. Paul's Church, Louisburg.
Dr. W. W. GREEN,		
Dr. WOOD T. JOHNSON,		
J. H. YARBOROUGH,		
JOSIAH COLLINS,	}	St. Luke's Church, Washington County.
*THOS. G. HAUGHTON,		
HENRY DOWNING,	}	" " " Alternates.
J. B. GOELET,		
*Dr. THOS. H. WRIGHT,	}	St. James's Church, Wilmington.
*Dr. A. J. DEROSSET, Jr.,		
*JAMES ANDERSON,		
LEVIN LANE,		
A. A. BROWN,	}	" " " Alternates.
CHAS. W. BRADLEY,		
Dr. F. J. HILL,		
J. G. WRIGHT,		
*WM. PLUMMER,	}	Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.
*WM. EATON, Jr.,		
*WM. MAGHEE,		
*THOS. A. MONTGOMERY,		
*W. J. ELLISON,	}	St. Peter's Church, Washington.
W. L. KENNEDY,		
JAS. E. HOYT,		
JOHN G. WILLIAMS,		
JOS. H. POOL,	}	Christ Church, Elizabeth City.
WM. C. HUNTER,		
S. D. GRICE,		
JOHN N. WASHINGTON,	}	Christ Church, Newbern.
ISRAEL DISOSWAY,		
W. A. OUTEN,		
*STEPHEN C. ROBERTS,		
WM. R. SMITH,	}	Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.
JAS. M. SMITH,		
*RICHARD H. SMITH,		
Dr. JAMES M. JOHNSON,		
Dr. A. S. HALL,	}	" " " Alternates.
*PETER E. SMITH,		
RUSSELL CHAPMAN,	}	Calvary Church, Tarborough.
MATTHEW WEDDELL,		
JOSEPH H. BOWDITCH,		

WILLIAM PATTON, JAS. W. PATTON, ALEX'R ROBERTSON, HATFIELD OGDEN,	}	Trinity Church, Asheville.
JESSE NOBLE, W. A. PUGH, L. B. PUGH,	}	St. John's Church, Pitt County.
*F. S. MARSHALL, W. W. DANIEL, A. JOYNER, Dr. H. JOYNER,	}	St. Mark's Church, Halifax.
*THOMAS RUFFIN, Sr., *E. D. MCNAIR, CADWALLADER JONES, Sr., *THOMAS B. HILL,	}	St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
*Hon. W. H. BATTLE, *Dr. J. B. JONES, *E. MALLETT, *J. B. LUCAS,	}	Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.
JOHN C. TAYLOR, RUSSELL KINGSBURY, *JAMES T. LITTLEJOHN, L. A. PASCHALL,	}	St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.
Dr. Z. M. PASCHALL, J. M. PASCHALL, D. A. PASCHALL, E. H. HICKS,	}	" " " Alternates.
*JOHN T. THOMAS, S. S. ROYSTER, JAMES TURNER, *ROBERT A. HAMILTON,	}	St. John's Church, Williamsborough.
*JOHN T. TAYLOR, L. HENDERSON, *JAMES BULLOCK,	}	" " " Alternates.
*JOHN D. HAWKINS, PRO. E. A. JONES, T. L. BRODIE, R. P. HUGHES,	}	Holy Innocents, Henderson.
*PHIL. B. HAWKINS, Dr. G. W. BLACKWELL, GEORGE J. REAVIS, W. H. ROWLAND,	}	" " " Alternates.
CHAS. T. HAIGH, *EDWARD LEE WINSLOW, E. J. HALE, P. M. HALE,	}	St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
AMASA ALDEN, K. T. PHILLIPS,	}	Christ Church, Rockfish, Cumberland County.

Dr. TURNER WILSON, PATRICK H. WINSTON, W. G. PARKER, Dr. THOS. SMALLWOOD,	}	St. Thomas's Church, Windsor.
B. S. SKINNER, JOHN SKINNER, Dr. T. D. MARTIN, JOSEPH G. GRANBERRY,	}	Holy Trinity, Hertford.
RICH'D A. CALDWELL, E. COOLEY, JOHN WILLIAMSON, THOS. D. GRUIT,	}	Calvary Church, Wadesborough.
J. C. S. McDOWELL, Dr. W. COLLETT, T. G. WALTON, E. GREENLEE,	}	Grace Church, Morganton.
WM. LOCKE, WM. MURPHY, BENJ. SUMNER, CHAS. F. FISHER,	}	St. Luke's, Salisbury.
EDMUND WILKINS, D. A. BARNES, H. K. BURGWIN, SAMUEL CALVERT,	}	Church of the Saviour, Northampton County.
*Hon. JOHN H. BRYAN, CHARLES MANLY, Hon. G. E. BADGER, G. W. MORDECAI,	}	Christ Church, Raleigh.
JOHN McC. BOYLE, S. H. McRAE, THOS. H. GILLIAM, F. F. FAGAN,	}	Grace Church, Plymouth.
E. W. JONES, BENJ. J. SPRUILL, W. A. LITTLEJOHN,	}	" " " Alternates.
LEWIS THOMPSON, THOS. J. PUGH, STEPHEN A. NORFLEET,	}	Grace Church, Bertie County.
Dr. L. G. JONES, B. F. DAVIDSON,	}	St. Peter's Church, Charlotte.
T. L. SKINNER, ELIAS C. HINES, *JOHN THOMPSON, *W. A. MOORE,	}	St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
JOHN SKINNER, EDWARD WOOD, WM. BADHAM, WM. STANDIN,	}	" " " Alternates.

*Dr. JAS. P. BRYAN,
H. W. BLOUNT,
T. WOODLEY,
JOHN H. PEEBLES, } St. Mary's, Kinston.

*H. A. LONDON,
Dr. F. J. HILL,
THOS. HILL,
JOHN H. HAUGHTON, } St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.

J. F. HOKE,
WILLIAM WILLIAMSON,
BENJAMIN SUMNER,
VARDRY A. MCBEE, } St. Luke's, Lincolnton.

*R. T. HOSKINS,
*GEO. V. STRONG,
J. D. BATTLE,
J. B. WHITAKER, } St. Stephen's Church, Goldsborough.

Those marked [*] were present at this Convention.

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EMMANUEL CHURCH, WARRENTON, }
MAY 16, 1855. }

This being the day and place for the meeting of the 39th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, the Bishop, with the attending Clergy and Laity, assembled in Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, for the purpose of organizing.

After Prayers by the Bishop, the Convention was called to order.

The List of the Clergy was called by the Secretary of the last year. The following were found present, and took seats as members of the Convention:

Rev. JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE.
Rev. J. B. DONNELLY.
Rev. R. B. DRANE, D. D.
Rev. E. N. FORBES.
Rev. EDWIN GEER.
Rev. H. F. GREEN.
Rev. F. M. HUBBARD.
Rev. JOS. C. HUSKE.
Rev. N. COLLIN HUGHES.
Rev. H. H. HEWITT.
Rev. R. HINES.

Rev. J. R. LEE.
Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D.
Rev. JOS. W. MURPHY.
Rev. A. F. OLMSTED.
Rev. JNO. HAYWOOD PARKER.
Rev. CHAS. M. PARKMAN.
Rev. JAS. T. PICKETT.
Rev. GEORGE PATTERSON.
Rev. A. SMEDES, D. D.
Rev. W. E. SNOWDEN.
Rev. LEONIDAS L. SMITH.

Certificates of Lay Delegation were called for, laid on the Secretary's table, and read, from which it appeared that the following Churches had elected Delegates to this Convention:

Trinity Church, Beaufort County.—Israel Harding, Henry Harding, W. J. Laughinghouse. Alternates: Wm. H. Patrick, S. S. Barbour.

St. Paul's Church, Louisburg.—W. H. Strother, Dr. W. W. Green, Dr. Wood T. Johnson, J. H. Yarbrough.

St. Luke's Church, Washington County.—Josiah Collins, Thos. G. Haughton. Alternates: Henry Downing, J. B. Goelet.

St. James's Church, Wilmington.—Dr. Thos. H. Wright, A. J. De-Rosset, Jr., Levin Lane, James Anderson. Alternates: A. A. Brown, Chas. W. Bradley, Dr. F. J. Hill, J. G. Wright.

Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.—Wm. Plummer, Wm. Eaton, Jr., William Maghee, Thomas A. Montgomery.

St. Peter's Church, Washington.—W. L. Kennedy, James E. Hoyt, William J. Ellison, John G. Williams.

Christ Church, Elizabeth City.—Jos. H. Pool, Wm. C. Hunter, S. D. Grice, William F. Martin.

Christ Church, Newbern.—John N. Washington, Israel Disosway, M. A. Outten, Stephen C. Roberts.

Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.—William R. Smith, Richard H. Smith, James M. Smith, Dr. James M. Johnson. Alternates: Peter E. Smith, Dr. A. S. Hall.

Trinity Church, Asheville.—William Patton, Jas. W. Patton, Alex'r Robertson, Hatfield Ogden.

Calvary Church, Tarborough.—Russell Chapman, Matthew Weddell, Joseph H. Bowditch.

St. John's Church, Pitt County.—Jesse Noble, W. A. Pugh, L. B. Pugh.

St. Mark's Church, Halifax.—F. S. Marshall, W. W. Daniel, A. Joyner, Dr. H. Joyner.

St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.—Thomas Ruffin, Sr., Cadwalader Jones, Sr., E. D. McNair, Thos. B. Hill.

Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.—Hon. W. H. Battle, E. Mallett, Dr. J. B. Jones, J. B. Lucas.

St. Stephen's, Oxford.—John C. Taylor, Russell Kingsbury, James T. Littlejohn, L. A. Paschall. Alternates: Dr. Z. M. Paschall, J. M. Paschall, D. A. Paschall, E. H. Hicks.

Holy Innocents, Henderson.—John D. Hawkins, Pro. E. A. Jones, T. L. Brodie, R. P. Hughes. Alternates: Philemon B. Hawkins, Dr. G. W. Blackwell, George J. Reavis, W. H. Rowland.

St. John's, Williamsborough.—Robert A. Hamilton, John T. Thomas, S. S. Royster, James Turner. Alternates: John T. Taylor, L. Henderson, James Bullock.

St. John's, Fayetteville.—Charles T. Haigh, Edward Lee Winslow, E. J. Hale, P. M. Hale.

Of whom the following appeared and took seats as members of the Convention: Israel Harding, Wm. H. Patrick, Henry Harding, Thos. G. Haughton, Dr. T. H. Wright, A. J. DeRosset, Jr., Jas. Anderson, William Eaton, Jr., Thomas A. Montgomery, W. J. Ellison, Stephen C. Roberts, Richard H. Smith, Hon. W. H. Battle, J. B. Lucas, Thos. Ruffin, Sr., E. L. Winslow, Robert A. Hamilton.

The Convention was, by the President, declared duly organized.

On motion, Edward Lee Winslow was elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 9 o'clock, Thursday morning.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. John Haywood Parker; the Ante-Communion Service, with the Epistle and Gospel, read by the Bishop. The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. Joseph C. Huske, from the 3d chapter of the 2d Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy, 5th verse.

Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. H. F. Greene, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. W. E. Snowden, from the 6th chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians, part of the 7th verse.

THURSDAY, MAY 17.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Dr. Drane.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted to govern the deliberations of this Convention.

On motion, Resolved, That the Ministers of the Episcopal Church, not members of this body, and Candidates for Orders in this Diocese, be invited to take seats as honorary members of the Convention.

Under this resolution, the Rev. R. B. Sutton, and the Rev. A. Smith of Virginia, took seats.

Certificates of Lay Delegation from the following Churches were handed in and read, and the following Delegates were elected to this Convention:

St. Thomas's Church, Windsor.—Dr. Turner Wilson, Patrick H. Winston, W. G. Parker, Dr. Thos. Smallwood.

Holy Trinity, Hertford.—Benj. S. Skinner, John Skinner, Dr. T. D. Martin, Joseph G. Granberry.

Calvary Church, Wadesborough.—Richard A. Caldwell, E. Cooley, John Williamson, Thomas D. Gruit.

Grace Church, Morganton.—J. C. S. McDowell, Dr. W. Collett, T. G. Walton, E. Greenlee.

St. Luke's, Salisbury.—William Locke, William Murphy, Benjamin Sumner, Chas. F. Fisher.

Church of the Saviour, Northampton County.—Edmund Wilkins, David A. Barnes, H. K. Burgwyn, Samuel Calvert.

Christ Church, Rockfish.—Amasa Alden, K. T. Phillips.

Christ Church, Raleigh.—John H. Bryan, Charles Manly, Hon. G. E. Badger, G. W. Mordecai.

Grace Church, Plymouth.—John McC. Boyle, S. H. McRae, Thos. H. Gilliam, F. F. Fagan. Alternates: E. W. Jones, Benj. J. Spruill, William A. Littlejohn.

St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton.—J. F. Hoke, William Williamson, Benjamin Sumner, Vardry A. McBee.

St. Peter's Church, Charlotte.—Dr. L. G. Jones, B. F. Davidson.

James T. Littlejohn, a Delegate from St. Stephen's, Oxford, appeared and took his seat.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address, and it was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

In meeting you a second time in Convention, I feel bound to express the gratitude which I am sure we all feel, that God in His mercy has been pleased to preserve us through another year, so that not one of the Clergy of this Diocese has been removed by death since

we last met, nor, I believe, one of the Laymen who were associated in our counsels at that time. I must also congratulate you on the advancing prosperity and increasing strength of the Diocese, although so much still remains to be done, and so many defects and errors exist in and have to be deplored by us all.

During the year I have performed the following services:

May 20th, at Wilmington, I confirmed 28 persons.

Sunday, May 21st, after Morning Prayer at St. James's Church, I preached, and admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons Messrs. Benjamin Swan Brownson and John Beckwith, Jr.

May 22d, with a number of the Clergy, I left Wilmington and went on to Wilson, a growing village, which needs, and I trust will soon receive, the care of the Church.

Tuesday, May 23d, I reached Washington, where, at night, service was held, Mr. Snowden preaching, and I following with some remarks.

May 24th, at Zion Church in Beaufort County, during service I baptised two infants, and afterwards preached, confirmed five persons, and, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Hughes and Snowden, administered the Holy Communion.

May 25th, at Bath, Mr. Geer read Morning Prayer, and I preached and confirmed five persons, and, assisted by Mr. Geer, administered the Lord's Supper.

The Church at Bath is venerable from age and association, but has become so dilapidated as to approach ruin. The village, once the capital of the State, and possessed of comparative population and wealth, is now nearly stripped of both, and it will therefore be a serious effort on the part of the present residents to put the Church in good repair; but it is one which they design to make, and in which they ought to be assisted by others, and especially by those who, though no longer residents, are connected with this interesting spot as their former home, or that of their forefathers.

From Bath I went, in company with Mr. Geer, to Hyde County, where he and Messrs. Watson and Parkman had previously bestowed some labor, but where no Episcopal visitation had before been made.

May 26th, at Sladesville, I preached, and Mr. Geer administered the Holy Communion to a few members of the Church living in that quarter, so remote from its accustomed services.

27th, at Swan Quarter, I preached to a small congregation.

Sunday, 28th, at Lake Landing, we had service in a school-house, and a very large congregation, a great part of whom could find no place in the building.

In the morning I preached; in the afternoon, Mr. Geer. On the last occasion I baptised an adult and two children, and confirmed one person. This was the first time of the administration of confirmation in the County of Hyde. There are, however, living in that County some members of the Church, and quite a number of persons who desire the introduction among them of its services; and as they have abundant means for the erection of a Church and the support of a Minister, I trust that their good intentions will soon ripen into acts, and that we shall ere long hail the formation of a new Parish among this people, so abundantly blessed in temporal things, but laboring under a painful

destitution of the pure Word of God faithfully preached, and the Sacraments of His Church duly administered.

May 29th, I returned with Mr. Geer to Beaufort County.

30th, we had service at Pungo Chapel, where I preached, and baptised an infant. That evening I parted from Mr. Geer, whose pleasant society as well as useful services I had enjoyed for a week. He returned to Washington; I crossed the Pamlico river to Mr. Charles Crawford's, where, among others, I met with his aged mother, a venerable relic of a past era, and a type of that class of women to whom the Church in this Diocese, in that of Virginia, and of Maryland, and no doubt in many others, is so much indebted: who, without the ordinary public means of grace, and amid deep discouragements, have kept the faith, and carefully trained up their children in it.

May 31st, at Mr. Crawford's, I baptised nine children, two white and seven colored, and then went on to the Chapel at Durham's Creek, where I met the Rev. Mr. Beckwith, and held service. He read prayers, and I preached, confirmed two persons, and, assisted by Mr. B., administered the Lord's Supper. The Chapel here is in bad repair, and the prospect of permanent and regular services not encouraging.

June 2d, at Pugh's Chapel in Pitt County, I held service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Hughes; he reading prayers, and I preaching, confirming two persons, and uniting with him in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

June 4th, Whit-Sunday, at Christ Church, Raleigh, I received to Priest's Orders the Rev. Arthur F. N. Rolfe. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Mason, who, with Dr. Smedes, united in the imposition of hands. Dr. Mason preached the sermon, and all the Clergymen present assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion.

June 10th, at Hillsborough, I preached and confirmed one person.

11th, Sunday, in the morning I preached, and assisted by Mr. Donnelly, administered the Lord's Supper. In the evening I again preached.

12th, at St. Mary's Chapel in Orange county, I preached.

17th, at Pittsborough, morning and evening, I preached, as also on the 18th, confirming on that day two persons.

21st, at Rockfish, at Evening Prayer, I preached and confirmed four persons.

On the 22d, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Huske, I went to Wadesborough. There, on the 24th, we held service and I preached.

Sunday, 25th, we held service three times at Wadesborough,—the Rector, Mr. Hewitt, reading Prayers, and I preaching morning and night, and Mr. Huske in the afternoon. At night I confirmed eight persons.

27th, at Fayetteville, after Evening Service, I preached.

July 2d, at Christ Church, Raleigh, I preached and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Dr. Wheat and the Rev. R. H. Mason.

July 4th, at Warrenton, after Evening Prayer, I preached.

While there is much that is encouraging in the condition of things in this Parish, I was especially gratified at one recent improvement, the excellent and comfortable Parsonage recently provided by the enlightened liberality of the Parishioners. The want of a Parsonage may make a Parish, otherwise desirable, an almost intolerable place of residence.

A Tavern is not the proper place for a Clergyman, and private families are very generally unwilling, and very often unable, to admit into their houses other families as permanent residents, and in villages and the country it is sometimes scarcely possible to rent a dwelling. The first duty then of every congregation, after building a Church, is to build or buy a Parsonage, and until this is done, it ought not to feel that it has made provision for permanent religious services.

During the residue of the month of July, the whole of August, and the first part of September, I was absent from the Diocese, visiting various places in Virginia and Maryland, performing frequently religious services.

Sunday, September 17th, at Leaksville in Rockingham County, I preached and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, Mr. Lee, and by the Rev. Dr. Dame of Virginia.

18th, at Galloway's Chapel, I preached and confirmed two persons.

19th, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Lee, and by Dr. Brodnax, I went on to Salem. This is a very interesting place, because of the Moravian colony established there, a body of people with whom as Protestants, and at the same time Episcopalians, we have an especial affinity. Their large and flourishing schools have been to a considerable extent patronised by the members of our Church, and our kind feelings towards them seem to be cordially reciprocated. Withal, the flourishing village of Winston is growing up by the side of Salem, and the population of the surrounding country is increasing. With these encouragements, it would be desirable to establish as soon as possible a Mission in that neighborhood, the duties of which should be performed by a Clergyman who should also officiate at Greensborough, and perhaps some other point in the same region of country.

21st, at Richmond Hill, Yadkin County, I preached and confirmed two persons, and afterwards administered the Holy Communion,—Messrs. Lee and Barber assisting.

23d, at Clover Hill Chapel in Wilkes County, after Morning Prayer, I preached.

Sunday, 24th, at Wilkesborough, I preached in the morning, confirmed four persons, and, assisted by Mr. Barber, administered the Communion. In the evening I again preached.

Sept. 27th, at the Grove Meeting-house in Caldwell County, after Morning Prayer, I preached,—Messrs. Barber, Mott, Skyles and Prout being present.

28th, at Lenoir, in the morning I preached and confirmed five persons, and in the afternoon again preached.

30th, I visited Valle Crucis, in itself a most beautiful and picturesque spot, but suggestive of painful associations, because of the injury and reproach to the Church resulting from past occurrences of which it was the scene. And yet this incidental benefit has resulted from the labor and expense bestowed on this place, that it is now the seat of a Mission, where two faithful and self-denying men are working diligently and very usefully for the temporal and spiritual welfare of a very destitute population. These are the Rev. Mr. Skyles and Mr. George Evans. The Rev. Mr. Prout also officiates once a month at the Chapel in the Valley.

October 1st, Sunday, in that Chapel, I preached and confirmed six persons, and afterwards, assisted by Messrs. Prout and Skyles, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

October 3d, accompanied by Mr. Skyles, I reached Morganton, where, after Evening Service, I preached.

Oct. 4, in the morning, I preached again and administered the Communion, assisted by Mr. Skyles; in the evening I again preached and confirmed one person. This Parish, for some time vacant, had recently obtained the services of the Rev. Mr. Pickett, whom I found acceptable to the people and likely to be useful.

Oct. 5th, with Messrs. Skyles and Pickett, I went on to Asheville, which place we reached on the evening of the next day.

Oct. 7th, after Evening Prayer, Mr. Pickett preached.

Sunday, Oct. 8th, after Morning Prayer, I preached and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Mr. Buxton. In the afternoon I preached to the colored people, and again at night to the general congregation, when I confirmed eight persons.

Oct. 11th, at Hendersonville, after Morning Prayer, I preached in the Methodist Church, kindly offered for our use.

Oct. 12th, I preached at Flat Rock Church, and consecrated the building. Rev. Dr. Hanckel of the Diocese of South Carolina, Messrs. Dehon and Reed of the same Diocese, (the last of whom officiates during the Summer at Flat Rock,) and Messrs. Skyles and Pickett of this Diocese, took part in the services. This Church has been built by some wealthy gentlemen from South Carolina, who have Summer residences in this beautiful region. The congregation consists almost entirely of visitors from that State, and the Minister is canonically a resident in that Diocese. Yet slight as the connexion of this congregation is with this Diocese, it is, so far as it exists, beneficial, and it is to be hoped that it will be yet more so, by means of assistance rendered by them in our efforts to spread the Gospel in the region around them.

Oct. 14th, at Rutherfordton, after Evening Prayer, I preached.

Sunday, Oct. 15th, after Morning Prayer, I preached, confirmed two persons, and administered the Holy Communion,—the Rev. Messrs. McCulloh and Wagner of South Carolina, the Rev. Mr. Parker of Salisbury, and R. H. Mason, the Minister of the Parish, taking part in the services. In the afternoon Mr. Parker preached, and at night Mr. McCulloh.

Oct. 16th, at Shelby, in the evening I preached in the Methodist Church, courteously offered us for that purpose. We have here but a handful of friends of the Church, but they are about to erect a building for the worship of God.

Oct. 17th, at Lincolnton, we had service in the evening and Mr. Parker preached.

Oct. 18th, in the morning I preached and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Messrs. Parker and Mason. In the evening I again preached and confirmed three persons.

Oct. 20th, at Charlotte, after Evening Prayer, I preached.

Oct. 21st, the Rev. Mr. Hewitt of Wadesborough, joined us here to-day and preached in the evening.

Sunday, Oct. 22d, during Morning Service I baptised a child, preached

and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, I again preached and confirmed ten persons. In the evening Mr. Hewitt preached. Messrs. Mott and R. H. Mason assisted in these services.

Oct. 23d, I confirmed one person in private.

Oct. 24th, at Concord, in the evening, I preached in the Presbyterian Church, the use of which had been offered us. Mr. Parker read Prayers.

Oct. 26th, at Salisbury, the Rev. R. H. Mason preached in the evening.

27th, I preached in the evening.

28th, again in the evening I preached, and confirmed five persons.

Sunday, Oct. 29, at Morning Service I received to the Priesthood the Rev. R. H. Mason,—Mr. Jacocks reading Prayers, Dr. Mason preaching the sermon, and Mr. Parker presenting the candidate, all of whom united in the laying on of hands. I administered the Communion. In the evening I preached and confirmed two persons.

Oct. 31st, at Mocksville, Evening Prayer was read by Mr. Jacocks, and I preached.

Nov. 1st, at Morning Service, Mr. Jacocks baptised an adult, and I confirmed one person, preached and administered the Lord's Supper, Mr. Jacocks assisting.

Nov. 2d, I preached at night at Salisbury.

Nov. 3d, at St. Andrew's Church in Rowan County, I preached, confirmed four persons, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Messrs. Parker and Jacocks.

Nov. 4th, at the house of Miss Mills in Iredell County, I preached, confirmed two persons, and administered the Lord's Supper, assisted by Mr. Jacocks. This congregation consists mainly of the branches of one family, which in the last generation came from Maryland to this part of North Carolina, and with very slender outward aids, except the Bible and the Prayer Book, have preserved scriptural faith and Church order, which are perhaps the dearer to them because it was necessary thus to struggle for them. But they who have been able to continue united in the faith while few, will be scattered when they have increased in number, and it is therefore necessary that they should be collected in a Church, and enjoy the regular services of religion. I am glad to say that an effort is now making to accomplish this object.

Sunday, Nov. 5th, at Christ Church, Rowan County, I preached and confirmed ten persons, and afterwards, assisted by Mr. Jacocks, administered the Communion. At night I preached in Salisbury, and confirmed one person.

Nov. 6th, at Lexington, I preached in the evening.

Nov. 7th, at Jamestown, in the evening, I preached in the Methodist Church. There never, I believe, had been a service of our Church held in that village before.

Nov. 8th, at Greensborough, in the evening, I preached in the Baptist Church and confirmed two persons. This was the first instance of the administration of that rite in this place. Indeed our Church is almost unknown there, and yet it is one of the largest and most thriving villages in the State. Attempts, however, are now making to remedy this evil. It is in contemplation to build a Church there, and I hope soon to have a Minister officiating at this point, in connexion with one or two other Stations.

Oct. 10th, at Chapel Hill, after Evening Prayer, I preached and confirmed one person.

Sunday, Nov. 12th, I preached at Christ Church, Raleigh, and administered the Lord's Supper, assisted by Dr. Mason.

Nov 18th, I preached in the evening at Warrenton.

Sunday, Nov. 19th, in the morning I preached and confirmed seven persons. In the evening I again preached.

Sunday, Nov. 26th, I preached in the morning at Christ Church, Raleigh, and in the evening at St. Mary's Chapel, on the last occasion confirming one person.

Dec. 8th, I preached in the morning at Henderson, and in the evening there was a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Smith.

Dec. 9th, at Oxford, after Evening Prayer, Mr. Smith preached.

Sunday, Dec. 10th, after Morning Prayer, I instituted the Rev. Mr. Sutton as Rector of St. Stephen's, Oxford, Mr. Smith preaching. In the afternoon I preached to the colored people, and in the evening to the general congregation.

Dec. 24, I preached in the morning at Christ Church, Raleigh.

Jan. 14th, 1855, Sunday. I received to the Diaconate George Badger Wetmore, in Christ Church, Raleigh. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Mason; I preached the sermon and administered the Communion, assisted by Drs. Mason and Smedes and the Rev. R. H. Mason. This latter Clergyman has recently, at my instance, engaged in the effort of building up a third congregation in Raleigh—Christ Church being already full, and St. Mary's Chapel being designed exclusively for the teachers and pupils of that school.

During the latter part of January and the early part of February, I visited some of the Northern cities, and while in New York received from Mr. Butler, the Agent of the New York Bible and Prayer Book Society, and the Episcopal Tract Society, a handsome donation of Prayer Books and Tracts, in addition to some of the former which I bought for the Diocese. And while referring to this subject, I will take the occasion to say, that these two Societies, and also the Bishop White Prayer Book Society of Philadelphia, have heretofore as well as recently exhibited a very commendable spirit of liberality to this Diocese, as to other parts of the Church, and that an occasional contribution to their treasuries would be a very proper method of acknowledging this. And in the case of the Bishop White Society, there is an especial need to remember this, because that in consequence of the pressure of the times, and the munificent spirit in which its operations are conducted, its resources are now very much straitened.

Feb. 25th, 1st Sunday in Lent, I preached in the morning at Christ Church, Raleigh, and in the afternoon at the Mission Chapel under the care of the Rev. R. H. Mason.

March 2d, at Williamsborough, after Morning Prayer and a lecture by the Rev. Mr. Hines, I made an address to the congregation.

March 3d, in the morning I preached at Williamsborough. In the evening, the Rev. Mr. Hening, our late Missionary to Africa, and now Agent for our Committee of Foreign Missions, presented the claims of the African Mission in a very effective way, as he has done in a number of Parishes in the Eastern part of the Diocese during the Winter.

Sunday, March 4th, in the morning I ordained the Rev. Richard Hines, Priest. The sermon was preached by me; the candidate was presented by Mr. Sutton, who, with Mr. Hening, united in the laying on of hands. I afterwards administered the Lord's Supper, assisted by Messrs. Hines and Sutton. In the afternoon Mr. Hines preached to the colored people. I was gratified to observe the evidences of improvement in this Parish. The venerable Church in which the solemn eloquence of Ravenscroft had so often awed the hearts of multitudes, exhibited, when I first visited it, marks of dilapidation and decay. Now, not only has this been repaired and painted, but a Parsonage also has been purchased. The zeal and activity of their Minister have greatly contributed to the bringing about of this gratifying change.

March 10th, I preached in the evening in the Chapel at Mr. H. K. Burgwyn's, to his slaves.

Sunday, March 11th, I preached, morning and evening, at Jackson, on the last occasion confirming one person.

March 13th, at Murfreesborough, in the evening Mr. Bronson read Prayers and I preached. Here, under the care of Mr. Fitzgerald, a congregation is growing up and a Church is about to be built.

March 15th, at Woodville in Bertie county, I preached in the old Church. There is a new and quite handsome one just about to be completed, but not quite ready, as it had been hoped it would have been, for consecration. On this occasion the congregation was small, a heavy rain having begun to fall in the morning and continuing during the service.

March 16th, I confirmed one person in private, belonging to the Woodville congregation.

March 17th, I preached, morning and evening, at Windsor.

Sunday, 18th, I preached in the morning and administered the Communion. In the evening I again preached and confirmed nine persons.

20th, at Colerain, service was held in a school-house, where I preached to a full and attentive congregation.

21st, at Bethel, in the morning, I preached again in a school-house. In the afternoon, at Gatesville, there was service without a sermon, and in the evening, service, when Mr. Bronson preached.

22d, service in the morning was prevented by a heavy snow-storm. In the afternoon, however, a small congregation assembled, to whom I preached. These services were performed in the new Church, which, however, was not in a condition to be consecrated. The congregation here has suffered, and is about to suffer even more, by the removal of some of its most valuable members. Those who remain, however, seem to abate nothing in heart nor hope, but are going on to finish the Church, and are seeking the services of a Clergyman to be devoted entirely to their Parish—their present esteemed Minister, Mr. Snowden, being able only to give them a fourth of his time.

March 23d, at a school-house near Mr. Lassiter's, in Gates County, I preached and confirmed two persons.

Edenton, March 24th, at Evening Prayer, I preached.

Sunday, March 25th, in the morning I preached and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Messrs. Johnston and Obear. In the evening I again preached and confirmed twenty persons.

March 26th, I confirmed one person in private, and in the evening again preached.

March 27th, at Hertford, after Morning Prayer, I preached, confirmed seven persons, and, assisted by Mr. Snowden, administered the Holy Communion. In the evening I again preached.

28th, in the morning I preached, and again in the evening, when I confirmed five persons in addition to those who received that rite on the previous day.

March 29th, I again preached at Hertford.

March 30th, at Woodville, Perquimans County, in the morning I preached and administered the Communion, assisted by Messrs. Snowden and Parkman.

March 31st, at Evening Service at Elizabeth City, I preached.

April 1st, Palm-Sunday, at Morning Service I preached, and ordained to the Diaconate Mr. William Murphy. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Forbes. I administered the Holy Communion, being assisted in this and the other services by Messrs. Forbes, Snowden, Parkman and J. W. Murphy. In the afternoon I again preached, and confirmed twelve persons. In the evening there was a service especially for the colored people, when Mr. Snowden preached and I added some remarks.

April 2d, at Evening Service, I again preached.

April 4th, I went down, accompanied by Messrs. Parkman and Patterson, to St. Luke's, Washington County, where, after Morning Service, I preached, and assisted by those brethren, administered the Holy Communion.

April 5th, at Plymouth, in the morning, Mr. Parkman preached and I confirmed one person in private. In the evening I preached.

April 6th, Good Friday, I preached, and with Messrs. Parkman and Patterson, administered the Lord's Supper. In the evening I again preached, and confirmed eight persons. This Parish, though deprived for a time of the faithful and energetic services of its Rector, the Rev. Mr. Watson, whose failing health has compelled him to seek its restoration in Europe, yet still prospers under the assiduous care of his Assistant, the Rev. Mr. Patterson.

Easter Sunday, April 8, at Pettigrew's Chapel, at Morning Prayer, I preached and confirmed six persons, and administered the Communion, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Parkman, J. W. and William Murphy. In the evening, at the Lake Chapel, I again preached, and confirmed twelve persons, eleven of whom were the servants of Mr. J. Collins, and the other of Mr. C. Pettigrew. Afterwards Mr. Parkman, assisted by the Messrs. Murphy, administered the Communion to a large number of participants, being chiefly slaves of Mr. Collins.

Sunday, April 15th, at Christ Church, Raleigh, I preached and confirmed seven persons. In the evening I preached at St. Mary's Chapel, and confirmed three persons.

April 24th, in the evening, at Oxford, I preached and confirmed two persons.

April 28th, at Newbern, in the evening, I preached and confirmed fifteen persons.

Sunday, April 29th, in the morning I preached, and assisted by Mr.

Greene, administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I confirmed one person in private, and at night again preached.

April 30th, I confirmed another person in private at Newbern.

Among the evidences of progress and improvement in this Parish, which are many, one of the most gratifying to me, was that they have recently bought an excellent Parsonage for their Clergyman.

May 1st, at Kinston, at Morning Service, I read Prayers, preached and administered the Holy Communion. This congregation is perhaps the only one in the Diocese that seems weaker, rather than stronger, since my first visit. The sufficient explanation is, that it has scarcely had any Ministerial services in the interval. I baptised a child in this place.

May 2d, at Goldsborough, Messrs. Fitzgerald and Gallagher met me. After Morning Prayer, Mr. Fitzgerald preached. In the evening I preached, and baptised and confirmed one person.

May 3d, at Morning Service, I preached and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Mr. Fitzgerald. In the afternoon Mr. Fitzgerald baptised an unhappy man condemned to death, and whose sentence was to be executed on the next day. I baptised five children.

Goldsborough has been without a Minister for some six months, and shows the depressing effects of this destitution; but when it shall again enjoy, as I believe it soon will, the services of one, especially if he be zealous, prudent and able, it promises to be ere long one of the most important Parishes in the Diocese.

In the evening of this day, Mr. Fitzgerald read Prayers and I preached in the Presbyterian Church at Everettsville, kindly offered us for that purpose.

May 5th, at Wilmington, I preached in the morning and evening, and on the last occasion confirmed twenty-six persons. These appeared to me persons as capable of, and as likely to render, useful service to their Redeemer and the Church He has bought with His blood, as any class that I have ever seen receive this rite.

Sunday, May 6th, after Morning Prayer, I preached, and assisted by Dr. Drane and Mr. Gallagher, administered the Lord's Supper. In the evening I again preached.

May 7th, I confirmed one person in private, making fifty-five confirmed in this flourishing Parish since my last report.

Sunday, May 13th, I preached, morning and afternoon, at Christ Church, Raleigh.

In these visitations, and apart from services performed out of the Diocese, the Holy Communion has been administered by me thirty-six times; the Sacrament of Baptism eight times, to two adults and twenty-one infants. I have preached a hundred and thirty-one times; held six Ordinations, at which three Priests and four Deacons have been ordained; consecrated one Church; instituted one Rector; and confirmed two hundred and eighty persons, at fifty-three administrations of the Rite, some of which, however, were in private.

Since the last Convention, Stephen C. Roberts and Israel Harding have been received as candidates for Orders, and William Murphy has been transferred by letters dimissory to this Diocese from that of Alabama. I have ascertained since the last Convention that James Nor-

wood, whose name I found on the list of candidates for Orders, has been for some years dead. Benjamin Swan Bronson, John Beckwith, Jr., George Badger Wetmore and William Murphy, have been ordained since my last report.

Our present number of Candidates is six.

Besides the addition to the number of our Clergy by ordination, there have been two received into the Diocese during the year by transfer,—the Rev. Robert B. Sutton from Maryland, who has taken charge of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, and the Rev. Peyton Gallagher from Alabama, who has become Rector of St. Paul's Church, Clinton, and is also performing Missionary duty in Bladen County. This gives us a total addition of six. On the other hand we have lost by removal five. The Rev. Mr. Mott has been transferred to the Diocese of Mississippi, and his charge has been filled by the Rev. Mr. Hewitt, who now officiates at Charlotte and Lincolnton. The vacancy thus produced at Wadesborough has been filled by Mr. Beckwith. The Rev. Mr. Hawks has been transferred to the Diocese of Florida, and the Missionary Stations near Newbern, which were under his care, are still unprovided for. The Rev. Mr. Jacocks has been transferred to the Diocese of Tennessee, and the Parishes in Rowan and Davie, which were under his care, are now supplied by Mr. Wetmore. The Rev. Mr. Rolfe has been transferred to the Diocese of Maryland, and the congregations at Goldsborough and Kinston, which he served, are yet without a Minister, though I have reason to believe that this vacancy will soon be filled. Clinton, which was formerly united under the same Pastoral charge with these two places, is now separated, and provided for by the services of Mr. Gallagher. The Rev. Mr. Jackson has also been transferred to the Diocese of Maryland. The Rev. Mr. Hines has taken charge of Henderson and Williamsborough. The Rev. R. H. Mason has resigned his Parish at Rutherfordton, which is now vacant, and is laboring in Raleigh, in the effort to build up a new congregation. The Rev. James T. Pickett has dissolved his connexion with St. Paul's Church, Edenton, of which he was Assistant Minister, and has taken charge of Grace Church, Morganton.

The Convention at its last session passed resolutions declaring that it was expedient to establish in the Diocese a High School for Boys, and that the Bishop, with three Laymen, to be in the first instance appointed by himself, and afterwards by the Convention, should have authority to select and employ a Rector for this School, and in connexion with such Rector, to locate the School and take charge of its interests, with some other provisions for the furtherance of the object. In compliance with these resolutions, I appointed Messrs. Henry A. London and Thomas Hill of Pittsborough, and George W. Mordecai of Raleigh, the Lay Trustees, who all agreed to serve. The Board, thus constituted, determined to locate the School at Pittsborough, where some two thousand dollars in money and a handsome lot had been offered us for the object. We then directed our attention to the choice of a Rector. From previous failures of Church Schools in this Diocese, it was imperatively necessary that this selection should be made with great care. Several persons, supposed to be qualified, were applied to, who on various grounds declined to serve. At last, in my anxiety to fill the place satisfactorily,

I determined to do, what I was most reluctant to propose, that is, to offer the post to the Rev. Jarvis Buxton of Asheville, whose services, likely to be of great value to the School, were at the same time greatly needed in his own Parish and the contiguous part of the Diocese. From a sense of duty he accepted the offer, which the Trustees gladly ratified. When, however, he understood that no buildings belonged as yet to the School, he considered that this would be a formidable obstacle to its success, and his Parishioners showing the greatest reluctance to be separated from him, and making the Diocese some liberal offers in case the School were established at Asheville, he proposed to resign the post offered him at Pittsborough, and to endeavor to establish a Diocesan School at Asheville. Under the circumstances I thought it best, as did the other Trustees, to consent to this, and the rather because, remote as Asheville and Pittsborough are from each other, the success of a School at one place would not impede the prosperity of a similar institution at the other. Mr. Buxton, therefore, is now engaged, with my entire approbation, in seeking aid for the establishment of a Diocesan School at Asheville, and we have yet to find a suitable head for the one contemplated at Pittsborough. To this subject I propose to continue to devote my attention.

I must now report notices which I have received of the administration of Discipline in various Dioceses: The Bishop of Tennessee has found it necessary to displace from the Ministry William H. Good, late a Presbyterian in that Diocese; the Bishop of Illinois has deposed from the Ministry John McKeown, late a Clergyman of that Diocese; the Missionary Bishop of the Northwest has deposed from the Ministry E. A. Greenleaf, late a Clergyman of that Diocese; the Bishop of Florida has deposed from the Ministry Isaac Swart, late a Clergyman of that Diocese; the Bishop of Kentucky has deposed from the Ministry W. W. Dodge, late a Clergyman of that Diocese; the Provisional Bishop of New York has deposed from the Ministry Homer Wheaton, late a Presbyterian of that Diocese; and the Bishop of Western New York has deposed from the Ministry Benjamin W. Whicher, late a Clergyman of that Diocese.

Having been canonically certified of the election of the Rev. Henry W. Lee, D. D., to the Bishopric of Iowa; of the Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., to the Provisional Bishopric of New York; and of the Rev. Thomas W. Clark, D. D., to the Bishopric of Rhode Island; and of the consent of the majority of the Standing Committees of the Dioceses to the consecration of these Bishops-elect respectively, it gave me great pleasure likewise to express my consent to these Consecrations, which have now all by the Divine blessing taken place.

And now, Brethren, I commend you to the grace and guidance of Him who has promised His especial Presence to those who meet together in His Name, and I solicit your kind interpretation of what I have done, and your charitable and forbearing judgment of what I have done amiss or left undone, and your prayers that I may be better fitted in the future for the adequate discharge of the high and difficult duties which have been cast upon me.

THOMAS ATKINSON,
Bishop of North Carolina.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

Committee on the Admission of New Congregations.—Rev. Messrs. Olmsted, Forbes and Parker, of the Clergy; Messrs. Thos. H. Wright and R. A. Hamilton, of the Laity.

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. Dr. Mason, and Messrs. Hughes, Huske, Cheshire and Greene, of the Clergy.

Committee of Finance.—Rev. Drs. Drane and Smedes, of the Clergy; Thomas Ruffin, Sr., Hon. W. H. Battle, A. J. DeRosset, Jr., Thomas A. Montgomery, of the Laity.

Standing Missionary Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Geer and Lee, of the Clergy; Rich'd H. Smith, W. J. Ellison and T. Hoskins, of the Laity.

The papers in relation to the formation of the Congregations of St. Mary's Church, Gatesville, and Grace Church, Bertie County, were handed in, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Congregations.

Charles T. Haigh, Treasurer of the Convention, made his report. [See Appendix.]

On motion, Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee of Finance.

On motion, Resolved, That E. L. Winslow be requested to act as Treasurer, *pro tempore*.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. R. B. Sutton; the Ante-Communion Service, with the Epistle and Gospel, said by the Rev. R. Hines. Sermon preached by the Rev. N. Collin Hughes, from the 7th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, 21st verse.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

John T. Taylor, John T. Thomas, and James Bullock, Delegates from St. John's Church, Williamsborough, appeared and took their seats.

John D. Hawkins and Philemon B. Hawkins, Delegates from the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, appeared and took their seats.

John H. Bryan, a Delegate from Christ Church, Raleigh, appeared and took his seat.

Certificates of Lay Delegation were handed in and read, from which it appeared the following Churches had elected Delegates to this Convention:

St. Paul's Church, Edenton.—T. L. Skinner, Elias C. Hines, John Thompson, William A. Moore. Alternates: John Skinner, Edward Wood, William Badham, William A. Standin.

St. Mary's Church, Kinston.—Dr. James P. Bryan, Dr. H. W. Blount, Dr. T. Woodley, John H. Peebles.

St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.—Henry A. London, Dr. F. J. Hill, Thomas Hill, John H. Haughton.

Of whom the following took seats as members of this Convention: Jas. Thompson, Wm. A. Moore, Dr. Jas. P. Bryan, Henry A. London.

The Parochial Reports were handed to the Secretary by the Bishop, read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

ST. JAMES'S PARISH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. R. B. Drane, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 40, colored 5; Adult, white 5, colored 2,	52
Confirmations, (on two occasions,) white 50, colored 5,	55
Communicants—Number last year, white 246, colored 24; added by first Communion, white 39, colored 5; ditto by removal, white 4; lost by death, white 10, colored 15; ditto by removal, white 9, colored 4; total now, white 270, colored 20,	290
Marriages—White 7, colored 5,	12
Funerals—White 27, colored 5,	32
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$350 00
Bishop's Salary,	300 00
Relief Fund,	60 00
Education Committee,	88 00
Domestic Missions,	240 00
Foreign Missions,	305 12
Special contributions for Diocesan objects,	356 70
Parochial objects,	212 51
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ROBERT B. DRANE.

CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infant 7, Adult 3,	10
Catechumens, (white,) not exactly ascertained, but about	50
Confirmations, (white)	7
Communicants—Number last year 113; added by first Communion, white 9; ditto by removal, white 4; lost by death, white 5; ditto by removal, white 3, colored 2; total now	116
Marriages, (white)	7
Funerals—White 5, colored 1,	6
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$222 00
Bishop's Salary,	280 00
Relief Fund,	40 00
Domestic Missions,	108 34
Foreign Missions,	32 00
Parochial objects,	212 00
Other objects,	200 00
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The contributions noticed above are independent of \$2095 subscribed towards the erection of a residence for the Bishop.

R. S. MASON.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

Rev. S. I. Johnston, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 15, colored 26; white Adult 1,	42
Catechumens—About 60 white, 100 colored,	160
Confirmations—White 14, colored 7,	21
Communicants—Number last year 157; added by first Communion, white 7, colored 5; ditto by removal, white 5; lost by death, white 6; ditto by removal, white 10; total now	158
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$179 69
Bishop's Salary,	266 00
Relief Fund,	52 56
Foreign Missions,	265 00
Parochial objects,	788 00
Other objects,	737 00
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The Rev. Mr. Obear has been residing for the last nine months in Edenton, and has very kindly assisted me in the services of the Church, and kept it open when I was unable to do so from sickness.

S. I. JOHNSTON.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. Joseph C. Huske, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 11, colored 10; Adult, white 1,	22
Catechumens—White 110, colored 50,	160
Communicants—No. last year, white 137, colored 15; ad- ded by first Communion, white 2; ditto by removal, white 9; lost by death, white 3, colored 1; ditto by removal, white 7; total now, white 138, colored 14,	152
Marriages—White 2, colored 4,	6
Funerals—White 8, colored 4,	12
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$320 00
Bishop's Salary,	280 00
Relief Fund,	60 00
Domestic Missions,	122 85
Foreign Missions,	123 35
Parochial objects,	239 81
Other objects,	210 00
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Last year the number of white Communicants was, by mistake, reported as 131; whereas it should have been 137, as now reported from a corrected list.

The rite of Confirmation not having been administered in this Parish within the year, (the Bishop being prevented by other engagements from visiting us,) there have been but two additions by first Communion—one of these a criminal under sentence of death, (which has been executed,) the other a person desirous of Confirmation.

It is hoped that as soon as the Bishop is able to visit this Parish, a goodly number will present themselves for Confirmation, and an addition be made to the white Communion.

In regard to the colored Communion, which does not increase, I feel satisfied that regular services to the colored people specially, on Sunday, would result in additions to the Communion. But after two services to the whites on Sunday, I am not able to render this service.

The only special service which I can render to them is by preaching on funeral occasions, and visiting them in sickness, which I have done quite frequently since my connexion with this Parish.

This Parish, in my opinion always liberal in proportion to its means, has this year contributed its assessments in full for the first time. It has been gradually approaching this, and I trust will continue to grow in that spirit that "deviseth liberal things" towards the Church of God.

J. C. HUSKE.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. Henry F. Greene, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 28, colored 16; Adult, white 9,	
colored 3,	56
Catechumens—White 151, colored 75,	226
Confirmations—White 14, colored 3,	17
Communicants—No. last year, white 119, colored 28;	
added by first Communion, white 18, colored 4;	
lost by death, white 2; ditto by removal, white 2;	
total now, white 133, colored 32,	165
Marriages—White 2, colored 1,	3
Funerals—White 13, colored 2,	15
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$307 04
Bishop's Salary,	225 00
Relief Fund,	60 75
Education Fund,	24 83
Foreign Missions,	151 00
Parochial objects,	2654 21
Other objects,	426 85
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	\$3849 68

Among the contributions for Parochial objects is included the sum of \$2250 subscribed and paid for a Parsonage during the past year. The daily Parochial school for the children of the poor has been quite regularly kept during the year, and the attendance of the pupils, the interest they have manifested, and the improvement they have exhibited, are very encouraging.

This School is sustained by the exertions of several zealous ladies of the Parish and the contributions of the Church members.

A salary of \$600 per annum has for some time been subscribed for a teacher of a Classical School, to be under the influence of the Church, but the object has not yet been accomplished on account of the difficulty of engaging a proper person to fill the situation.

HENRY F. GREENE.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

Rev. Edwin Geer, Rector.

Baptisms—Adult 1, Infant 22,	23
Communicants—Died 8, removed 2, added 6; present No.	128
Marriages,	7
Funerals,	25
Contributions—Assessment for the Episcopate,	\$135 00
Ditto for Relief Committee,	30 00
Foreign Missions, (Africa,)	76 00
Diocesan ditto,	25 23
Parochial charities,	87 70
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	\$353 93

This Parish has not enjoyed the benefit of an Episcopal visitation during the past Conventional year, for which reason there are no Confirmations to report.

EDWIN GEER.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PITTSBOROUGH.

Rev. A. F. Olmsted, Rector.

Baptisms—White Infant,	4
Catechumens—White,	10
Confirmations—White,	2
Communicants—(Same as last year,) white 31, col'd 2,	33
Marriages—White,	2
Funeral—White,	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$45 00
Bishop's salary,	40 00
Relief Fund,	12 00
Foreign Missions,	28 00
Parochial objects,	20 00
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	\$145 00

ST. MARK'S, DEEP RIVER.

Rev. A. F. Olmsted, Rector.

Baptisms—White Infant,	2
Communicants—Number last year, white 7, colored 1;	
lost by removal, white 1; total now, white 6, col'd 1,	7
Contributions—Relief Fund,	\$3 60
During the past year, I have, on several occasions, held a Sunday	

Evening Service at Carbondon, some five miles above St. Mark's, on Deep River. The service has been well attended, and it is my purpose to continue the appointment. The little Parish of St. Mark's, since its organization a few years since, has suffered considerably by deaths, removals, and the breaking up of two or three Church families connected with it. Nor can much progress be expected here, so long as only a monthly service can be afforded to this congregation.

A. F. OLMSTED.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY.

Rev. John H. Parker, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 5, colored 4; colored Adult 1,	10
Catechumens—White,	18
Confirmations—White,	8
Communicants—Added by first Communion, white 4;	
ditto by removal, white 3; lost by death, white 1;	
ditto by removal, white 1; total now, white 39, colored 1,	40
Marriages—White,	2
Funerals—White,	12
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$86 36
Bishop's salary,	35 00
Relief Fund,	10 00
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	\$131 36

LEXINGTON.

Baptism—White Infant,	1
Burial—White,	1
Communicants,	6

JNO. H. PARKER.

REPORT of the Rev. Geo. Patterson, Deacon, Assistant to the Rev. A. A. Watson.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that during the absence of the Rector of Grace Church, Plymouth, and St. Luke's Church, Locust Grove, he has continued to officiate in both Parishes.

He would here most gratefully mention, that the Rev. Messrs. Johnston, Snowden, Parkman and Obear have administered the Holy Communion in the two Parishes at stated times, at the request of the Rev'd Rector.

Since the last Convention, he has baptised twenty children and eight adults, married three couple, and buried twenty-two persons.

These acts will be duly returned in the several Parochial Reports.

GRACE CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

Baptisms—Infant, white 7, colored 11; Adult, white 3,	
colored 5,	26

Catechumens—White,	27
Confirmations—White 5, colored 4,	9
Communicants—No. last year, white 38, colored 2; added by first Communion, white 2; ditto by removal, white 6; lost by death, white 3; ditto by removal, white 5; total now, white 38, colored 2,	40
Marriages—White 4, colored 1,	5
Funerals—White 11, colored 5,	16
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$29 69
Bishop's salary,	18 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
Domestic Missions,	2 50
Foreign Missions,	21 50
Education Fund,	1 78
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	\$78 47

ST. LUKE'S PARISH, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Baptisms—White Infant,	3
Catechumens—White,	5
Communicants—No. last year, white 26, colored 2; lost by death, white 2; ditto by removal, white 1; total now, white 23, colored 2,	25
Funerals—White,	6
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$10 59
Bishop's salary,	7 50
Relief Fund,	2 40
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	\$20 49

GEO. PATTERSON.

[The Rev. Alfred A. Watson reports to the Bishop, that he has performed, while travelling in Europe, the following services, viz: At Paris, one baptism, infant. At Rome, one funeral. At the last named city he has also preached several times.]

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

Rev. J. B. Donnelly, Rector.

Baptisms—White Infant,	5
Catechumens—White,	15
Confirmation—White,	1
Communicants—(White,) No. last year 46, added by first Communion 1, lost by removal 2; total now	45
Funeral—White,	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$25 00
Bishop's Salary,	47 00
Relief Fund,	12 00
Parochial objects,	34 68
Other objects,	18 28
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	\$136 96

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL, ORANGE COUNTY.

A monthly Service is held in this Chapel. There are five Communicants.

J. B. DONNELLY.

CHRIST CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

Rev. E. M. Forbes, Rector.

Rev. C. M. Parkman, Assistant.

Baptisms—Infant, white 17, colored 9; Adult, white 2, colored 1,	29
Catechumens—White 65, colored 15,	80
Confirmations—White 10, colored 2,	12
Communicants—Number last year, white 51, colored 11; added by first Communion, white 13; ditto by removal, white 5; lost by death, white 2; total now, white 66, colored 11,	77
Marriage—White,	1
Funerals—White,	7
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$100 00
Bishop's Salary,	40 00
Relief Fund,	13 00
Domestic and Foreign Missions,	190 00
Parochial objects,	900 00
Other objects,	15 00
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	\$1258 00

We are happy to state that the Parochial School has so far succeeded as to enable us to have two departments.

E. M. FORBES.

C. M. PARKMAN.

TRINITY CHURCH, ASHEVILLE.

Rev. Jarvis Buxton, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 4, colored 4; Adult, white 3, colored 1,	12
Catechumens—White 10, colored 8,	18
Confirmations—White 7, colored 1,	8
Communicants—(White,) No. last year 10; added by first Communion 8; lost by removal 1; total now	17
Marriages—White 1, colored 1,	2
Funerals—White 2, colored 1,	3
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$9 00
Bishop's salary,	8 00
Relief Fund,	2 40
Domestic Missions,	2 50
Foreign Missions,	2 50
Parochial and other objects,	17 87
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	\$42 27

I have visited Rutherfordton once since it became destitute of Ministerial services,—baptised 1 infant (colored,) and administered the Holy Communion.

In the firm belief that no progress can ever be made in our Missions, especially in the Western part of the State, nor any permanent increase to our Ministry within the Diocese, without some system of means, fitted, under the blessing of God, to train up sons of the State for the Ministerial office, I have devoted myself to a systematic effort for the procuring of the requisite moneys within our Parishes to found an institution such as the wants of the Church require. In this thankless undertaking, I have to acknowledge the cheering kindness and co-operation of my Brethren in the Ministry in different Parishes. Should the undertaking to raise the moneys prove successful, the title to the property, when paid for, shall be vested in the Diocese, under certain conditions. But I desire not to obtrude this subject upon the notice of the Convention, however profound the interest which I may feel in it myself.

JARVIS BUXTON.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, LEAKSVILLE.

Rev. John R. Lee, Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infant 2, Adult 1,	3
Confirmations—White,	2
Communicants—(White,) No. last year 17; added by first Communion 2, ditto by removal 2; lost by death 2; total now	19
Funerals—White,	4
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$12 00
Bishop's salary,	10 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
Domestic Missions,	16 00
Foreign Missions,	17 00
Parochial objects,	10 00
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	\$70 00

JNO. R. LEE.

GRACE CHURCH, MORGANTON.

Rev. J. Thos. Pickett, Minister.

Baptisms—Infant, White 6, colored 34; Adult, colored 2,	42
Catechumens—White 20, colored 18,	38
Confirmation—White	1
Communicants—Number last year, White 26, colored 2; added by first Communion, white 2; lost by removal, white 1; total now, white 27, colored 2,	29
Marriage,	1
Funerals,	3
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$20 00
Bishop's Salary,	15 00

Relief Fund,	3 60
Parochial objects,	251 00
Other objects,	150 00
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	\$480 60

After the Convention in 1854, I remained with the Rev. Mr. Johnston, Edenton, until the last of June, when, by order of my Diocesan, I removed to this Parish. I have since officiated regularly three Sundays in the month in Morganton, and one Sunday at the Chapel on John's River. I have also visited Rutherfordton once—which place is now without a Minister—preached twice and baptised two children, and received from the congregation \$15 towards their Assessment.

The Holy Eucharist has been celebrated twice within the last year—once by the Bishop, last Fall, and on Easter-Sunday, by the Rev. Mr. Hewitt of Lincolnton.

We feel very deeply our long privation of “so divine and comfortable a thing.”

Our Church has been greatly improved by a new carpet and some appropriate Chancel arrangements, and also rendered more comfortable in Winter by the addition of a stove.

A handsome and sweet-toned Melodeon has been purchased, which adds greatly to the interest and solemnity of our worship. A good and substantial fence is also in progress of erection around the Church lot. I trust we shall go on with zeal and love for the honor and glory of God.

J. THOS. PICKETT.

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

Rev. John Beckwith, Jr., Minister.

Baptisms—White Infant,	2
Catechumens—White,	25
Communicants—No. last year 19; lost by death 1, ditto by removal 1; added by first Communion 1, ditto by return 1; present number	19
Funerals—White,	5
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$27 00
Relief Fund,	6 00
Domestic Missions,	3 00
Parochial purposes,	11 18
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	\$47 18

JOHN BECKWITH, Jr.

REPORT of Rev. F. M. Hubbard, Professor in the University of North Carolina.

My Clerical Ministrations for the past year have been confined to occasional services for the Clergy in my neighborhood.

F. M. HUBBARD.

REPORT of Rev. Horatio H. Hewitt.

I resigned the charge of Calvary Church, Wadesborough, and entered upon my duties as Rector of the Churches of St. Peter's, Charlotte, and St. Luke's, Lincolnton, on the 1st of November 1854.

The following is the report I have to give of each Parish while under my care, up to the present time:

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

From Convention, May 1854, to November 1st, 1854.

Baptisms—Infant, white 7, colored 30,	37
Three of the white Infant Baptisms included in the above were at the village of Monroe, the county seat of Union, which is an inviting field for Missionary labor.	
Confirmations, (white,)	8
Communicants, “	20
Funerals, “	2

ST. PETER'S, CHARLOTTE.

Baptisms—White Infant,	2
Confirmations—White,	11
Marriage—White,	1
Communicants 10; added by first Communion 5; total	15
Assessment—Bishop's salary and contingent,	\$7 50
Missionary Fund,	15 00
Relief Fund,	2 40
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	\$24 90

This large and growing town demands the especial sympathies of every liberal-hearted Churchman in the Diocese. Its population, according to the best and latest estimate, has increased to nearly three thousand souls; and yet we have not Church accommodation in it for more than one hundred and fifty souls. From the interest which is manifested in our services, we have every reason to believe that the growth of the Church is greatly retarded for want of a larger building. There are so few members, however, that it would be impossible for them to undertake, alone, the responsibility of erecting one equal to the importance of the wants of the Parish. Those who desire the prosperity of our Zion, and have it in their power to aid us, will confer a lasting benefit by forwarding their contributions either to me or to W. F. Davidson, Esq., Charlotte.

ST. LUKE'S, LINCOLNTON.

Baptisms—White Infant,	3
Confirmations—White,	3
Communicants (white) 23; added by first Communion 1;	
total	24
Marriage,	1
Assessment not yet collected.	
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It is gratifying to see how firmly this Parish has stood up to sound Church principles, notwithstanding the trials which it has had in the frequent removal of its Ministers. There is very good reason to believe that by the sound teaching of those who have had it under their charge, under the blessing of God, the Church has taken deep root in the affections of this people. Would that we had more laborers in these parts. The invitation is so frequently extended to me by persons in the surrounding country, to go and hold service for them, that I am sometimes grieved at my heart to have to refuse them.

HORATIO H. HEWITT.

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS, CHAPEL HILL.

Rev. J. T. Wheat, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 7, colored 11; white Adult 1,	19
Catechumens—White,	20
Confirmation—White,	1
Communicants—(White,) No. last year 43; added by first	
Communion 2, ditto by removal 1; lost by death 2,	
ditto by removal 8; total now	36
Funeral,	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$15 00
Bishop's salary,	15 00
Relief Fund,	3 60
Domestic Missions,	5 50
Foreign Missions,	36 00
Parochial objects,	42 95
Other objects, viz: for the Bishop's	
residence \$114 50, Asheville	
School \$60,	174 50
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	\$292 55
	J. T. WHEAT.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOUISBURG.

Baptism, (white Infant,)	1
Communicants,	15
Money collected for Bishop's salary,	\$20
W. T. JOHNSON,)	} Wardens.
W. W. GREEN,)	

CALVARY CHURCH, TARBOROUGH.

Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 2; Adult, white 2, colored 1,	5
Confirmations,	2
Communicants—White 18, colored 4,	22
Sunday School Scholars,	40
Marriages,	3

Funerals—White 3, colored 3,	6
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$50 00
Bishop's salary,	34 00
Relief Fund,	10 00
Domestic Missions,	30 00
Foreign Missions,	52 00
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	\$176 00

TRINITY CHURCH, SCOTLAND NECK.

Baptism, (colored Adult,)	1
Communicants—White 24, colored 7,	31
Marriage,	1
Funeral, (Infant,)	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$65 00
Bishop's salary,	48 00
Relief Fund,	12 00
Domestic Missions,	25 00
Foreign Missions,	20 00
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	\$170 00

During the past year a few members of this Parish have erected a Gothic brick Church, which is to be consecrated on the Bishop's visitation, the last Sunday in this month.

I officiated occasionally last Summer at Louisburg and Franklinton, and at the latter place baptised 2 children.

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, OXFORD.

Rev. Robt. B. Sutton, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 3, colored 5,	8
Catechumens—White 45, colored 16,	61
Confirmations—White,	2
Communicants—White 57, colored 8,	65
Marriage—White,	1
Funerals—White 2, colored 4,	6
Contributions—Bishop's salary, &c.	\$35 00
Relief Fund,	10 00
Diocesan Missions,	24 00
Foreign Missions,	43 31
Bishop's Residence,	100 00
Parochial objects,	109 07
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	\$321 38

This report covers the last six months during which the present Rector has been in charge. In this time a Sewing Society has been organized by the Ladies, and a Sunday School has been started.

Services for the colored people are held on the alternate Sundays, in

the afternoon, when their children are catechised after the Second Lesson. The prospects of the Parish are in every way of the most cheering description.

One Sunday afternoon in the month is devoted to a Missionary Station in what was formerly known as St. James's Parish, Granville county. The services at this place are remarkably well attended, and there is a very fair prospect that the Parish will soon be re-organized. The following contributions have been made:

Bishop's salary,	\$5 00
Diocesan Missions,	5 00
Foreign Missions,	20 00
Relief Fund, (by a young Lady,)	10 00

\$40 00

R. B. SUTTON.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, HENDERSON.

Rev. Richard Hines, Rector.

Baptisms—White 3, colored 135,	138
Catechumens—White 17, colored 60,	77
Communicants—No. last year 23; added by removal 1;	
present number	24
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$24 00
Missionary Fund,	27 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
African Mission,	30 00
Parochial purposes,	111 43

\$197 43

The Services of the Church are very well attended in this Parish, a good spirit prevails, and the prospect is encouraging.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH.

Rev. Richard Hines, Rector.

Baptisms—White 7, colored 158,	165
Catechumens—White 8, colored 130,	138
Communicants—No. last year 15; added by removal 1;	
lost by death 2; present number	14
Funerals—White 2, colored 1,	3
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$20 00
Missionary Fund,	20 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
African Mission,	66 20
Parochial objects,	1300 00

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The venerable Church in this Parish has been recently repaired, and is now a becoming temple of the Almighty. A convenient and suit-

able Rectory has been purchased, and it affords me the greatest gratification to say that I meet with much sympathy and encouragement. The Parish is undoubtedly in a good state

The Vestry of this Parish unanimously requested their Rector to correct the mistake made in the Journal of the Convention for the year 1853. It is there said, that for the first time the Assessments of the Parish had been paid. The Vestry say this is a mistake, as they can easily show, and therefore they desire to be set right in this matter.

FRANKLINTON.

Rev. Richard Hines, Missionary.

I have officiated twice a month in this place since January. The town is improving, and there is a fine opening for the Church. It is crying for a laborer; who will go?

RICH'D HINES.

CHRIST CHURCH, ROCKFISH.

Rev. George Benton, Rector.

Baptisms—White Infant,	4
Catechumens, (white,)	40
Confirmations, (white,)	4
Communicants—(White,) No. last year 37; added by removal 1, ditto by first Communion 4; lost by removal 9; present number	33
Marriages—White,	4
Funerals—White,	3
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$15 00
Relief Fund,	3 60
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	\$18 60

GEORGE BENTON.

CHURCH IN SCUPPERNONG, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Rev. Joseph W. Murphy, Missionary.

PETTIGREW'S CHAPEL.

Baptisms—Infant, white 7, colored 5; Adult, white 3, colored 1,	16
Catechumens—White 42, colored 35,	77
Confirmations—White 5, colored 1,	6
Communicants—White 46, colored 9,	55
Marriage—White,	1
Burials—White 3, colored 2,	5

LAKE CHAPEL.

Baptisms—Colored, Infant 16, Adult 3,	19
Catechumens—Colored,	217

Confirmations—Colored	12
Communicants—White 9, colored 102,	111
Marriages—Colored,	4
Burials—Colored,	3
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$135 48
Bishop's Salary,	34 00
Relief Fund,	9 60
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	100 00
African Mission and support of two native children,	58 00
Distribution of Bibles and Prayer Books,	25 00
Bishop's Residence,	250 00
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	\$612 08

In this report of contributions nothing is said of Parochial objects, on account of the difficulty of making any accurate statement of the amount expended. But the members of the congregation have not been forgetful of their duty. Among other things which have been done by them, a beautiful and convenient Parsonage has been erected and furnished, and a horse and rockaway provided for the use of the Minister.

Services are held regularly every Sunday at the two principal Stations, and twice a month at the Station at the head of the river. Services have also been held once at a Station near the Sound, where some encouragement has been met with, and regular services may be established.

JOSEPH W. MURPHY.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, KINSTON.

Our Church at this place having no regular Pastor, the undersigned (her Secretary and Treasurer,) feels it his duty and begs leave respectfully to make the following report to the Convention, viz:

Communicants,	8
Death, (colored,)	1
For Baptisms and Confirmations, see Bishop's Annual Report.	
Contributions—Bishop's Salary,	\$15 00
Missionary Fund,	5 00
Relief Fund,	3 00
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	\$23 00

THOS. WOODLEY, Sec'y and Treas'r.

REPORT of Rev. H. H. Prout, Missionary in Caldwell County.

During the past year regular Sunday services have been held in St. Andrew's Church, Lenoir, and in the Chapel at the Valley of the Yadkin—the services having been equally divided between these two Stations—excepting five Sundays on which I have visited the Chapel of the Holy Cross, Valle Crucis, and administered the Holy Communion. Generally divine service has been held in the Church at Lenoir on the Festivals and Fasts. In Caldwell County I have to report:

Communicants,	17
Baptisms—Adult 1, Infant 2,	3
Marriage,	1
Confirmed,	5
Burial, (Lincolnton,)	1

H. H. PROUT.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, RALEIGH.

Rev. Aldert Smedes, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—Adult,	6
Confirmations,	4
Communicants,	29
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$150 00
Widows and Orphans,	10 00
Domestic Missions,	40 00
Foreign Missions,	25 00
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	\$225 00

ALDERT SMEDES.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, WARRENTON.

Rev. L. L. Smith, Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infant 11, Adult 3,	14
Confirmations—White,	*7
Communicants—No. last year, white 52, colored 2; added by first Communion, white 7; ditto by removal, white 5; lost by death, white 2; ditto by removal, white 1; total now, white 61, colored 2,	63
Marriage—White,	1
Funerals—White 3, colored 3,	6
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$15 38
Bishop's Salary,	67 00
Relief Fund,	18 00
Foreign Missions,	55 70
Parochial objects,	†1298 00
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	\$1453 08

*Two of these were from the Parish of Rev. J. B. Cheshire.

†Upwards of \$700 more have been subscribed and will be paid on demand.

I feel it due to the Ladies of the congregation, and especially to the members of the Sewing Society, to state how largely we are indebted to them for the temporal prosperity of this Parish. It was through their instrumentality chiefly that our beautiful Rectory was purchased, at an expense of \$2500; and to them also we owe the painting and furnishing of our new Church, together with the blinds for the windows. Nor do they tire in well doing. They are still actively engaged in their

labors of love, and effectively prove, that to skilful hands and willing hearts nothing is impossible.

L. L. SMITH.

REPORT of Rev. N. Collin Hughes, officiating in Pitt and Beaufort Counties.

TRINITY PARISH, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Baptisms—White Infant,	2
Communicants—No. last year, white 37, colored 2; added by first Communion, white 2; total now, white 38, colored 2,	40
Marriage—White,	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$29 50
Bishop's salary,	24 00
Relief Fund,	4 06
Education Fund,	13 80
Parochial objects,	143 50
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	\$201 06

ZION CHAPEL, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Baptisms—White Infant,	3
Confirmations—White,	5
Communicants—(White,) No. last year 20; added by first Communion 4; lost by death 1, ditto by removal 1; present number	22
Funerals—White, Adult 2, Infant 2,	4

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PITT COUNTY.

Baptisms—White, Adult 1, Infant 4,	5
Confirmations—White,	2
Communicants—Added by first Communion, white 3; lost by death 1; present number, white 14, col'd 2,	16
Contributions—Relief Fund,	\$2 50
Episcopal Fund,	10 00
Diocesan Missions,	\$15 00
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	\$27 50

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

Communicants—White,	5
Contributions—Relief Fund,	\$2 50
Episcopal Fund,	5 00
Diocesan Missions,	7 50
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	\$15 00

ST. THOMAS'S, BATH.

Baptisms—White Infant,	4
Confirmations—White 4, colored 1,	5
Communicants—Added by first Communion 4; lost by death 1; present number, white 22, colored 6,	28
Contributions—Relief Fund,	\$2 00
Episcopal Fund,	3 00
Missions,	5 00
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	\$10 00

ST. JOHN'S, DURHAM'S CREEK.

In this Parish there have been no services, that I am aware of, during the past year. The number of Communicants is about seven.

N. COLLIN HUGHES.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, GOLDSBOROUGH.

Communicants,	16
Confirmation,	1
Baptisms—Infant 5, Adult 2,	7
Contributions—Bishop's Salary,	\$15 00
Missionary Fund,	5 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
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	\$25 00

Rev. A. F. N. Rolfe was for several months Rector of this Parish, but is now connected with the Diocese of Maryland. It is, however, hoped that his place will soon be supplied.

GEORGE V. STRONG.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, HERTFORD.

Rev. W. E. Snowden, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 4, colored 5; Adult, white 2, colored 3,	14
Confirmations—White 5, colored 7,	12
Communicants—White 27, colored 4,	31
Marriage—White,	1
Funerals—White 2, colored 2,	4
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$30 00
Bishop's salary,	27 00
Relief Fund,	2 50
Foreign Missions,	22 00
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	\$81 50

ST. MARY'S PARISH, GATES COUNTY.

Baptisms—Infant, white 2, colored 6,	8
Confirmations—White,	2

Communicants—White 13, colored 1,	14
Funerals—Colored,	3

ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH, WOODVILLE, PERQUIMONS CO.

Communicants—White,	3
Funeral—White,	1

W. E. SNOWDEN.

REPORT of Rev. R. W. Barber, Missionary in Wilkes, Yadkin and Iredell Counties.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WILKESBOROUGH.

Baptisms—Colored Adult 1, white Infant 2,	3
Confirmations—White,	4
Marriage—White,	1
Funerals—White 1, colored 1,	2
Communicants—Died 1, added 4; present number	16
Contributions—Bishop's Salary,	\$9 00
Missionary Fund,	3 00
Other objects,	8 10
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	\$20 10

RICHMOND HILL, YADKIN COUNTY.

Baptisms—Colored, Adult 1, Infant 1,	2
Confirmations—White 1, colored 1,	2
Funeral—White,	1
Communicants—White 7, colored 1,	8
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$10 13
Missionary Fund,	3 00
Charitable purposes,	7 75
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	\$20 88

BUCK SHOALS, YADKIN COUNTY.

Baptism—White Infant,	1
Marriage—White,	1
Communicants—White,	3

In Iredell County I officiate regularly on the fifth Sundays, when they occur. The number of Communicants is 2.

R. W. BARBER.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, CLINTON, SAMPSON COUNTY.

Rev. Peyton Gallagher, Rector.

Baptisms—White Infant,	3
Communicants—Added by first Communion 1, ditto by removal 6; present number	11

Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$5 00
Bishop's salary,	20 00
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	\$25 00

The present Rector entered upon his duties on the 31st Dec'r 1854. The attendance upon divine service has been encouraging, and a general friendliness of feeling on the part of the community manifested toward the Church. The Parish is as yet without a Church building, but at the same time is in possession of a subscription sufficient to warrant the expectation of the erection of one at no distant day. For the size of such subscription warm acknowledgments are due to friends in Wilmington, Fayetteville, and in other places.

In connection with this Parish there is a Charge in Bladen County, where divine service is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month, together with the fifth Sunday as it occurs in the year. The people attend in good numbers, and seem disposed to receive the truth in the love of it. Baptisms, (Infant,) white 1, colored 3.

Besides this, Sunday and Friday evening services are held for the benefit of the colored people on Dr. Beatty's plantation and in the neighborhood, who by their devout demeanor, close attention, and earnest desire to come into the knowledge of the truth, afford an example worthy of imitation by many more highly blessed "in things pertaining to the kingdom of God;" and demonstrate that the Church of the living God, in her spirit and teaching as well as her divine origin and commission, is adapted to the wants of "every kindred and tongue and people and nation."

May "the grace of God, which bringeth salvation to all men," "quick- en the dead in trespasses and sins," and by the same grace, may "all who profess and call themselves christians" "come into the unity of the Faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

PEYTON GALLAGHER.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HALIFAX.

Rev. Frederick Fitzgerald, Rector.

Communicants—(White,) Number last year, 10; added by first Communion 2; lost by death 1, ditto by re- moval 3; total now	8
Marriage—White,	1
Contributions—Bishop's salary,	\$10 00
For the Episcopal Home,	30 00
Foreign Missions, (Cape Palmas,)	16 67
Parochial objects,	193 62
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	\$250 29

Attended and baptised one condemned criminal, colored.

The Church edifice, commenced in this Parish some twelve months since, is now finished, and will be ready for consecration at the Bishop's visitation, some time during the month of June.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR, JACKSON, NORTHAMPTON Co.

Rev. Frederick Fitzgerald, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 3, colored 5,	8
Catechumens—White 25, colored 45,	70
Confirmation—White,	1
Communicants—No. last year, white 15, colored 18; added by first Communion, white 2; ditto by removal, white 1; lost by death, 1 col'd; by removal, white 3; total now, white 15, colored 17,	32
Funerals—Colored,	3
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$9 00
Bishop's Salary,	8 00
Relief Fund,	3 00
Foreign Missions, (Cape Palmas,)	35 25
Parochial objects,	141 25
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	\$196 50

The services of the Church in this Parish (twice each month, A. M.) have never been so well attended as during the past year.

Also, services twice each month, (P. M.,) and on every Thursday evening, are held on Mr. H. K. Burgwyn's plantation.

Attended and baptised a condemned criminal in Goldsborough.

MURFREESBOROUGH, HERTFORD COUNTY.

Rev. Frederick Fitzgerald, Missionary.

Communicants—Last year 8; present number	11
Baptisms—White, Infant 6, colored 1,	7
Funeral—White,	1
Contribution for a Parochial purpose,	\$50 00

For the past year have held services in this town on the fourth Sunday of each month. Have formed a Parish, which now prays to be admitted into union with the Diocesan Convention, retaining the old Colonial name of "ST. BARNABAS' PARISH." Have also raised funds sufficient to build an excellent Church.

Present illness prevents me from stating many facts, showing that the prospects of the Church in these three Cures are very cheering.

FREDERICK FITZGERALD.

REPORT of Rev. Geo. B. Wetmore, Missionary, officiating in Davie, Rowan and Iredell Counties.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, MOCKSVILLE.

Baptisms—White Infant 1, colored Adult 2,	3
Catechumens—About	25
Confirmation—(Besides 1 white and 1 colored reported below,) colored,	1

Communicants—No. last year, white 5, colored 1; added by first Communion, white 3, colored 2; by removal, white 3; loss by removal, colored 1; present number, white 11, colored 2,	13
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	2
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$7 50
Bishop's Salary,	7 50
Relief Fund,	2 00
Parochial objects,	20 00
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	\$37 00

CHRIST CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

Baptisms—Infant, white 3, colored 3; Adult, white 1,	7
Confirmations—(1 white and 2 colored belong to St. Andrews'; 1 colored to St. Philips',) white 5, col'd 5,	10
Communicants—No. last year, white 65, colored 6; added by first Communion, white 4, colored 2; loss by death, white 5; present number, white 66, colored 8,	74
Funerals,	4
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$9 50
Bishop's salary,	9 50
Relief Fund,	2 65
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	\$21 65

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

Confirmations—(1 white belongs to St. Philips'; 1 white and 2 colored of this Parish confirmed at Christ Church,) white,	4
Communicants—No. last year, white 28; added by first Communion, white 4, colored 2; loss by death, white 2; present number, white 30, colored 2,	32
Marriage,	1
Funeral,	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$4 00
Bishop's salary,	4 00
Relief Fund,	1 00
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	\$9 00

MILLS'S SETTLEMENT, IREDELL COUNTY.

Baptisms—White, Infant 6, Adult 6,	12
Confirmations—White 1, colored 1,	2
Communicants—Number reported last year 15; added by removal 1; loss by death 1; present number, (sup- posed,) white 10, colored 5,	15
Funerals,	3

GEO. B. WETMORE, Missionary, Deacon.

ST. THOMAS'S, WINDSOR.

Rev. Benj'n S. Bronson, Minister.

Baptisms—Infant, white 3, colored 1; Adult, white 3, colored 2,	9
Communicants—No. last year, white 31, colored 1; lost by death, white 1; ditto by removal, white 6; ditto by formation of a new Parish, white 6; total now, white 18, colored 1,	19
Marriages,	4
Funerals,	7
Confirmations—White 9, colored 1,	10
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$45 00
Bishop's salary,	27 00
Relief Fund,	7 00
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	\$79 00

It may be proper to state that the Holy Communion has not been administered in this Parish since the Bishop's visitation.

GRACE CHURCH, BERTIE COUNTY.

Communicants, 6
 BENJ'N S. BRONSON.

REPORT of Rev. C. M. Parkman, Presbyter.

During the past year I have served the Rev. Mr. Forbes as Assistant in the duties of his Parish and School at Elizabeth City. At the request of the Rev. Mr. Watson I have statedly celebrated the Holy Communion, in his absence, in Grace Church, Plymouth. Besides these regular duties, I have occasionally officiated at Woodville and Hertford, Perquimons county; at Nag's Head, Currituck; in Pettigrew's Chapel and the Lake Chapel, Washington county, and once in Windsor.

I return the following summary of my acts:

Up to 13th May 1855, inclusive, I have celebrated Holy Communion 23 times; assisted at 12 other celebrations; Baptised 10; Buried 4; and Preached 78 times. The baptisms and burials above are elsewhere reported.

C. M. PARKMAN, *Presbyter.*

The Committee on the Admission of New Congregations reported as follows:

The Committee on the Admission of New Congregations, having examined the Certificates of Grace Church, Bertie county, and St. Mary's, Gatesville, Gates county, and finding them in accordance with the Constitution and Canon, recommend that the said Congregations be admitted into union with the Church in this Diocese.

A. F. OLMSTED, Chairman.

On motion, Resolved, that the Congregation of Grace Church, Bertie county, be admitted into union with this Convention.

On motion, Resolved, that the Congregation of St. Mary's, Gatesville, be admitted into union with this Convention.

A Certificate of Delegation from Grace Church, Bertie county, was handed in, and the following were returned as Delegates to this Convention: Lewis Thompson, Thos. J. Pugh, Stephen A. Norfleet.

The Standing Committee made the following Report:

REPORT of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of N. Carolina.

The Standing Committee respectfully report, that during the past Conventional year, they have held the following sessions, and performed the following acts:

1. On July 20th, 1854, at the request of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Wisconsin, the assent of this Committee was given to the election to the Diocese of Wisconsin of the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Missionary Bishop of Minnesota and the Indian Territory.

2. On the 5th of August, the assent of the Committee was given to the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Henry W. Lee, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of Iowa.

3. On the 4th of September, testimonials were granted to Israel Harding, desirous of becoming a Candidate for Orders.

4. On the 21st of October, the assent of the Standing Committee was given to the consecration of the Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of New York; and to the consecration of the Rev. Thos. M. Clarke, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of Rhode Island. They also granted testimonials to the Rev. R. H. Mason, Deacon, for Priest's Orders; and to Stephen C. Roberts, desirous of becoming a Candidate for Orders.

5. On January 13th 1855, testimonials for Deacon's Orders were granted to George B. Wetmore.

6. On March 1st, testimonials for Priest's Orders were granted to the Rev. Richard Hines, Deacon; and for Deacon's Orders to William Murphy.

7. On May 12th, testimonials for Priest's Orders were granted to the Rev. Joseph W. Murphy, Deacon.

It is known, that at the Convention of last year, there was a resolution "that \$10,000 should be raised for the purpose of procuring, either by purchase or erection, a suitable residence for the Bishop, to be located in or near the city of Raleigh;" and that certain persons in the several Parishes were appointed agents to collect funds for effecting this object.

By another resolution of the Convention, the Standing Committee "were authorised to appoint other agents, as they might deem best, in addition to those appointed by the Convention, and to do all things they might think necessary to carry out the objects of the first resolution."

As no suitable house in or near the city of Raleigh could be purchased, the Standing Committee determined to have a residence for the Bishop erected as soon as the necessary means could be procured.

Most of the Parishes not responding promptly to the resolution of the Convention, the Secretary of the Committee, who is also the Treasurer of the Building Fund, was directed to write to the agents appointed,

urging them to a speedy performance of the duty assigned them. Also, the Rev. Mr. Forbes, of Elizabeth city, was requested to undertake a special agency through the Diocese for furthering the views of the Convention. Mr. Forbes declined such agency, on the plea of his parochial engagements. How many Parishes have responded to the call of the Convention, and to what extent, will be seen by the Treasurer's Report accompanying this paper. By this it will appear that the sum hitherto subscribed is in all \$3325 25, and that the only Parishes which have as yet contributed are those at Oxford, Jackson, Halifax, Lake Scuppernong, Lexington, Edenton, Caldwell county, Waynesville, Chapel Hill, and Raleigh.

The present mode of collecting funds for procuring a Bishop's residence having been found ineffectual, the Committee recommend the appointment, with proper compensation for his services, of a special agent, who shall visit all the Parishes of the Diocese and collect the means necessary for effecting the proposed object.

R. S. MASON, *Pres't of Standing Com.*

Geo. W. Mordecai, Treas'r of Fund for purchase of Episcopal Residence.

	Dr.	Cr.
1854,		
June 12. To cash rec'd Geo. E. Badger, Raleigh,	\$100 00	
Ditto C. T. Haigh, contribution from Church of the Saviour, Jackson,	10 00	
Aug. 2. Ditto Jas. B. Shepard, Raleigh,	10 00	
Ditto F. Shepard, "	10 00	
Sept. 13. Ditto L. A. Paschall, Oxford,	50 00	
16. Ditto F. S. Marshall, Halifax,	5 00	
23. Ditto Josiah Collins,	250 00	
Ditto premium on ditto,	1 25	
Oct. 21. Ditto Dr. W. R. Holt, Lexington,	100 00	
23. Ditto L. A. Paschall, subscriptions at Oxford,	50 00	
26. Ditto Jas. C. Johnston, Esq.,	200 00	
Dec. 6. Ditto collections at Edenton,	410 00	
1855,		
Feb. 16. Ditto S. F. Patterson, collections in Caldwell co.	37 00	
May 1. Ditto Rev. J. Buxton, collections at Waynesville,	2 50	
12. Ditto A. Mickle, collections at Chapel Hill,	114 50	
By this amount deposited to credit in Bank of the State of North Carolina,		\$1350 25
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	\$1350 25	\$1350 25

In addition to the above there has been subscribed in the city of Raleigh, and ready to be paid whenever required, the sum of

\$1975 00

Making in all

\$3325 25

GEO. W. MORDECAI, Treas'r.

Resolved, That that part of the Report of the Standing Committee on the subject of the residence of the Bishop, be referred to a Select Committée consisting of six persons, three Clergymen and three Laymen.

Whereupon, Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Jr., on behalf of the friends of the Church in Wilmington, made a tender to the Convention of a house in that city, to be conveyed to the Trustees of the Diocese as an Episcopal

residence, on the sole condition that when the said house shall cease to be the permanent residence of the Bishop of the Diocese, it shall become the property of the Church in Wilmington.

On motion, the above proposal was referred to the Select Committee.

The President appointed Messrs. E. Geer, J. H. Parker, J. C. Huske, of the Clergy; Thomas Ruffin, Sr., Hon. W. H. Battle, Richard H. Smith, of the Laity.

The Rev. R. H. Mason appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. John Beckwith, Jr. appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. B. S. Bronson appeared and took his seat.

The Convention adjourned to Friday, 9 o'clock A. M.

At Night, Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. J. B. Donnelly, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Aldert Smedes, D. D., from the 1st chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, 38th verse.

FRIDAY, MAY 18.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were said by the Rev. Dr. Mason.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Bishop read his Primary Charge.—[*See Appendix.*]

The Committee appointed at the last Convention on the subject of the publication of the works of the late Bishop Ravenscroft, made the following Report, which, on motion, was laid on the table:

The Committee appointed, by the last Annual Convention, to obtain information as to the cost of publishing a new edition of the Works of the late Bishop Ravenscroft, respectfully reports,—

That, by omitting the controversial portion of the work, and a small amount of other matter, unnecessary at this time to be republished, and also by omitting the double title pages to several of the Sermons in the first volume, the remainder, being the whole of what it is contemplated to republish, may be embraced within 2 volumes of 500 pages each, of the same size, (8vo.) and in the same kind of type, (small pica, leaded,) as the old edition.

The committee has received a proposition from a responsible printing house in New York, to *print* 500 copies, in this style, and on paper at \$7 per ream, for \$981 50, and to *bind* the 1000 volumes at 18 cents each in cloth, or 40 cents each in sheep. Supposing that it be desirable to bind 400 copies—800 volumes—in cloth, and 100 copies—200 volumes—in sheep, the New York cost of 500 copies, bound, would be \$1205 50. From a portion of this sum, say \$957, there would be a discount of 5 per cent. for cash—a sum about equal to the cost of boxing, freight and insurance to North Carolina.

From another responsible house an offer is made to execute the *printing*, in similar style, for \$898 50, cash, and to bind, say 800 volumes in cloth for 20 cents, and 200 in sheep for 35 cents. Making the whole

cost, in New York, \$1128 50. To which add for boxing, freight and insurance, say about \$40,—equal to \$1168 50 for 500 copies delivered in Fayetteville or Raleigh.

These estimates from New York are not designed to influence the Convention to go out of the State to have the work done. It can doubtless be done as well, as cheaply, and more correctly, if not so expeditiously, at home.

The plate of the Bishop's Portrait having been lost, it is not included in the estimate. The cost of a new plate would be about \$100.

In regard to the probable sale of the work, though not specially charged with an inquiry, the Committee would remark, that correspondence on the subject has led to a belief that there is a considerable demand, not only within the State, but also at the North, and in the Southern and South-Western Dioceses. It is probable that 300 to 400 copies might be readily disposed of by subscription, if the Clergy in this State, and others interested, would actively exert themselves to obtain subscribers in advance of the publication, for which purpose, printed subscription lists should be sent to all who are known to feel an interest in the subject.

The price per copy should probably be fixed at \$4 in cloth and \$4 50 in sheep—a reduction from the prices of the first edition. At these prices a subscription for 300 copies would more than repay the sum to be advanced by the Convention as well as that appropriated by the will of the lamented JOHN W. WRIGHT. Thus would be accomplished both the objects of that pious christian and sound Churchman, viz: the contribution from his worldly estate of \$500 to the cause of Diocesan Missions, and the even more powerful motive, as it is believed, of extending the circulation of that body of divinity promulgated by the first Bishop of North Carolina, under whose sound teaching the Diocese has been established, settled and strengthened.

Should the Convention determine to print the work, it will be necessary to charge some competent person or persons with the duty of correcting the numerous typographical errors which disfigure the first edition.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. C. HUSKE, Chairman.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. John Beckwith, Jr., assisted by the Rev. Chas. M. Parkman. Sermon preached by the Rev. H. H. Hewitt, from the 16th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, 26th verse.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Education Committee made the following Report:

REPORT of the Education Committee.

The Education Committee respectfully report: That from the last year there was a balance on hand of \$171 31; that there has been re-

ceived during the present year \$409 66; making in all \$580 87. That from this amount there has been paid to R. H. Murphy \$150, and to S. S. Barber \$100; leaving a balance of \$330 87.

The attention of the several Parishes is respectfully called to the resolution of the last Convention, recommending Whit-Sunday of each year as a suitable day for making collections for the benefit of the Education Fund. It will be seen from the Treasurer's Report that but few Parishes have complied with this recommendation of the Convention.

R. S. MASON, Chairman.

George W. Mordecai, Treas'r, in account with Education Committee.
1854,

	DR.	CR.
May 18. To balance as per account rendered,	\$171 31	
23. To cash rec'd Rev. A. A. Watson, Plymouth,	10 00	
Ditto from ditto, St. Luke's, Washington county,	1 60	
Ditto Rev. N. Collin Hughes,	10 00	
28. Ditto Dr. Thos. H. Wright, collections at Convention, Wilmington,	205 40	
June 8. Ditto Rt. Rev. Thos. Atkinson, collection at Sunday School, St. James's, Wilmington,	39 45	
By cash remitted Sam'l S. Barber, by order of Committee,		\$50 00
Ditto Reginal Murphy, by order of Committee,		50 00
27. To cash rec'd C. T. Haigh, for Rev. H. F. Greene, collections at Newbern,	24 83	
July 31. Ditto Rev. R. S. Mason, collections at Raleigh,	20 00	
Oct. 18. Ditto Rev. J. B. Donnelly, coll'ns at Hillsboro',	18 28	
Dec. 5. By cash remitted R. H. Murphy, by order of Committee,		100 00
Ditto S. S. Barber, by order of Committee,		50 00
1855,		
Feb. 10. To cash rec'd dividends Nos. 6, 7 and 8, on five shares Fayetteville and Western Plank Road stock,	30 00	
May 12. Ditto Rt. Rev. Thos. Atkinson, contribution from Ladies' Sewing Society, Wilmington,	50 00	
16. By balance deposited in Bank of the State of N. Carolina, Raleigh,		330 87
	<hr/> \$580 87	<hr/> \$580 87
May 16. To balance due this day,	<hr/> \$330 87	

GEO. W. MORDECAI, Treas'r.

On motion, it was referred to the Committee of Finance.

Thomas B. Hill, a Delegate from St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, appeared and took his seat.

A certificate of Delegation from St. Stephen's Church, Goldsborough, was handed in and read, and the following appeared as elected Delegates to this Convention: R. T. Hoskins, J. D. Battle, Geo. V. Strong, and J. B. Whitaker.

Of whom Geo. V. Strong took his seat.

F. S. Marshall, a Delegate from St. Mark's Church, Halifax, appeared and took his seat.

The Executive Missionary Committee reported as follows:

REPORT of the Executive Missionary Committee.

The Executive Missionary Committee report, by submitting in the

first place the following abstract from the Treasurer's Report, as showing the present condition of the Missionary Fund:

Balance in hand May 15, 1854,	\$1178 15
Paid in at Convention, Assessment of 1853-'54,	1142 71
Received since on Assessment of 1854-'55,	1698 74
Collection at Convention at Wilmington,	554 00

\$4573 60

Disbursements, 2477 75

Balance in the Treasury, \$2095 85

From the above abstract it appears that the sum at the disposal of the Committee, for the year now ending, was \$2874 86. Of this sum they have expended \$2477 75, in payment of the salaries of Missionaries and for other Missionary purposes; leaving a balance for the year of \$397 11. This balance, added to the amount received on the Assessment of 1854-'55, and through the hands of the Bishop, viz: \$1698 74, makes the present balance of \$2095 85, as per statement of the Treasurer.

It will also appear, by comparing the statement above with the last Report, that the sum in hand for the year now ending exceeded that for the last by \$528 06; and that the sum disbursed during this year exceeded that during the last by \$327 75; and also that the balance for this year exceeds that for the last by \$200 31.

The whole balance now in the Treasury to the credit of the Missionary Fund exceeds that at this time last year by \$917 70.

This appears to be a large increase. To prevent misconception and relaxation of effort on the part of the Parishes in paying *the regular Assessments*—which of course are the chief reliance of this Fund—the Committee deem it proper to give the reason of this fact.

This increase is mainly due to two causes. First, to the large collection at Wilmington at the last Convention of \$554. Secondly, to the zealous efforts of the Bishop in behalf of this Fund, through whom various sums have been received, the results of collections at the administration of the Communion, on his visitations.

The following list will show the Parishes which have so contributed and the several amounts,—the Parishes therein mentioned being the only Parishes visited since the Bishop adopted this plan, to which assent has been given in every instance:

Morganton,	\$20 00	Woodville,	\$7 68
Rutherfordton,	16 50	Elizabeth City,	40 00
Lincolnton,	7 00	St. Luke's, Wash'gton co.	3 59
Charlotte,	11 15	Plymouth,	11 69
Davie and Rowan,	14 07	Pettigrew's Chapel,	29 00
Salisbury,	60 13	Newbern,	22 79
Oxford,	11 00	Kinston,	4 50
Baleigh,	19 00	Goldsborough,	13 23
Dr. Wheat, from a Com.,	5 00	Wilmington,	166 70
Windsor,	21 98		
Edenton,	39 00		
Hertford,	30 84		
			<hr/> \$556 18

Of this sum \$348 96 have been credited to this Fund in the Report of the Treasurer to this Convention. The remaining part (\$207 22,) has been received from the Bishop since the making out of the Report, and will be credited in the next Report of the Treasurer.

But for these sums, the amount contributed *on Assessment* for the year would have fallen short of the wants of the Diocese by \$156 89.

The first cause, we cannot expect to operate regularly. That is, we cannot expect so large a collection at every Convention. The average for four Conventions preceding that at Wilmington is \$157 88. In order, therefore, to show what part of this balance is due to *increased payments on the Assessments*, we must subtract the balance for the year of \$397 11, and the sum of \$348 96, received through the Bishop and credited in the present Report, from the balance of \$2095 85, which will leave \$1349 78; exceeding the balance at this time last year by \$171 63.

The object of the Committee in making this statement, is to show that the large balance now in the Treasury is not the result of any very great improvement in the regular method of contributions, and that a strenuous effort is still needed to have the Assessments punctually, and as far as possible *fully* paid: especially considering the increased and daily increasing demands upon this fund, or else it will soon fall back, and the Missionary Committee be unable to respond to the earnest call for help.

In conclusion of this subject, the Committee congratulate the Church upon the condition of this Fund. Upon the supposition that the Parishes contribute as they did at the last Convention, the amount applicable to Missionary purposes next year will be not far from \$3500. For the sum above mentioned of \$207 22, received from the Bishop since the Treasurer's Report was made out, is to be *added* to the balance therein reported, making it \$2303 07. Last year the amount paid in at Convention on Assessment was \$1142 71, which, added to the above, makes the sum of \$3448 78.

There are at this time 17 Missionaries depending in part for their salaries upon this Fund.

As the changes in this department, and the additions to the Missionary list, have been noticed in the Bishop's Address, it is unnecessary to mention them here.

111 Prayer Books, put in charge of this Committee by the Bishop, at Wilmington, have nearly all been distributed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. C. HUSKE, Chairman.

On motion, Resolved, That the 3d Rule of Order be amended so that the words "a Committee to be called the Missionary Committee, to consist of seven persons," be stricken out, which was carried.

The President appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Unfinished Business of the last Convention.—Rev. Jos. W. Murphy and Mr. Thomas G. Haughton.

Committee on the Relief Fund.—Rev. Messrs. Hughes and Donnelly, of the Clergy, and Messrs. London and Littlejohn, of the Laity.

The Committee on the Constitution and Canons of the Church made the following Report:

REPORT of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons.

The Committee on the Constitution and Canons respectfully report: That having considered the several points referred to them, they would recommend to the Convention the following alterations in the Constitution and Canons:

That the 3d Article of the Constitution of this Church be amended by inserting after the words "members of such congregation," the words "such Delegates being Communicants of this Church."

That the 13th Canon of the Church in this Diocese be and the same is hereby repealed.

That the 3d Article of the Constitution be amended by adding at the end the words: "Provided further, that the Lay Delegates of no congregation which is formed after a vacancy has occurred in the office of Bishop, by death or otherwise, shall vote in the election of the next successor in the office, or upon any question touching such election."

The Committee would further report, that "the subject of the mode of electing Wardens and Vestrymen, and also defining their duties," has received a due share of their attention, but that as it involves several difficult and delicate questions, they have not yet been able to mature a definite plan for the action of the Convention.

R. S. MASON, Chairman.

The question being on the adoption of the first recommendation of the Report, a discussion arose, pending which, on motion, the Convention adjourned to Saturday, 9 o'clock A. M.

Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. George Patterson. Sermon preached by the Rev. F. M. Hubbard, from the 18th verse of the 14th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke.

SATURDAY, MAY 19.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The papers in relation to the formation of a new Congregation, to be called St. Barnabas' Church, in Murfreesborough, Hertford County, were laid before the Convention, and, on motion, were referred to the Committee on New Congregations.

On motion, Resolved, That the unfinished business of Friday, viz: the Report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons, be postponed to the next Annual Convention. Which was not carried.

The question being called for on the first recommendation of the Report, which was under discussion on Friday, and the vote required by Orders, was taken, and the recommendation was lost by the following vote:

Of the Clergy, those who voted in the affirmative were: The Rev'd Messrs. Cheshire, Donnelly, Drane, Forbes, Geer, Greene, Hubbard, Hughes, Hewitt, Hines, Dr. Mason, Olmsted, Parker, Parkman, Snowden, Smith.

Those who voted in the negative were: The Rev. Messrs. Huske, Lee, Pickett, Patterson, Dr. Smedes.

Of the Congregations—

Trinity Church, Beaufort.—Israel Harding, Aye; Henry Harding, Aye; William H. Patrick, Aye.

St. Luke's Church, Washington County.—Thos. G. Haughton, Aye.

St. James's Church, Wilmington.—Dr. Thomas H. Wright, Aye; Dr. DeRosset, Aye; James Anderson, Aye.

Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.—William Plummer, No; William Eaton, Jr., No; Thomas A. Montgomery, No.

St. Peter's Church, Washington.—William J. Ellison, Aye.

Christ Church, Newbern.—Stephen Roberts, No.

Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.—Richard H. Smith, No; Peter E. Smith, No.

St. Mark's Church, Halifax.—F. S. Marshall, No.

St. Matthews', Hillsborough.—Thomas Ruffin, Sr., No; E. D. McNair, Aye; Thomas B. Hill, No.

Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.—Hon. W. H. Battle, No; E. Mallett, No; J. B. Lucas, Aye.

St. Stephen's, Oxford.—James T. Littlejohn, Aye.

Christ Church, Raleigh.—John H. Bryan, No.

St. John's, Williamsborough.—John T. Taylor, No; Robert A. Hamilton, Aye.

St. Paul's Church, Edenton.—John Thompson, Aye; W. A. Moore, Aye.

St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough.—Henry A. London, No.

St. Stephen's, Goldsborough.—George V. Strong, No.

Clergy—Ayes	16
Noes	5
Laity—Ayes	6
Noes	9

There not being a concurrence of both Orders, the amendment was not passed.

The second recommendation of the Report, that the 13th Canon of the Church be repealed, and the third recommendation, that the 3d Article of the Constitution be amended, were adopted.

The Committee on the Admission of New Congregations reported as follows:

That they have examined the Certificate of St. Barnabas' Church, Murfreesborough, and finding it accordant with the provisions of the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese, recommend that it be admitted into union with the Church in this Diocese.

A. F. OLMSTED.

On motion, Resolved, That St. Barnabas' Church, Murfreesborough, Hertford County, be admitted into union with the Church in this Diocese.

The following resolution was submitted, and, on motion, referred to the Committee of Finance:

That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay 10 cents per mile to each Clergyman of the Diocese entitled to a seat in Convention and who shall attend any meeting of the same,—according to the requirement of Canon 6th, passed April 1819,—the distance to be computed by the usual route of travel from their respective places of residence to the place of holding the meeting.

On motion, Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of the Church be held in St. Peter's Church, Washington, on the 3d Wednesday in May 1856.

The Report of the Committee on the subject of the republication of the works of the late Bishop Ravenscroft, was called up and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, the Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D. was appointed President of the Convention.

On motion, Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of Delegates to the General Convention.

Messrs. Forbes of the Clergy, and Littlejohn of the Laity, appointed to act as Tellers.

E. D. McNair, a Delegate from St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, appeared in his seat.

The Bishop left the Chair, and it was taken by the Rev. Dr. Mason.

The Committee on that part of the Report of the Standing Committee relating to the subject of an Episcopal Residence, made the following Report:

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Standing Committee as relates to the Bishop's residence, and the proposition of the friends of the Church in Wilmington, to provide, at their own expense, a suitable house for the residence of the Bishop, in that place, have had the several matters referred to them under consideration, and they beg leave to make the following report:

The Committee have learned with regret, from the Report of the Standing Committee, that of the amount proposed, at the last Convention, to be raised for the purchase or erection of a residence for the Bishop, in or near the city of Raleigh, *not quite one-third* has been subscribed. As the mode of collecting funds for this object, adopted by the resolution of the last Convention in relation to this matter, has thus proved ineffectual, this Committee unite in the recommendation of the Standing Committee, that a Special Agent be appointed to visit the several parishes of the Diocese, and collect the means necessary for effecting the proposed object.

With regard to the proposition from Wilmington, while the Committee cannot withhold the expression of their admiration of the liberal spirit manifested by the friends of the Church in that place, and of a just appreciation of the generous offer of a suitable residence for the Bishop, made by them to the Convention, they have come to the conclusion that it is inexpedient and unadvisable for this Convention to accept said offer. The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Standing Committee be authorised and requested to employ a Special Agent to visit the several Parishes of the Diocese to solicit funds for the erection or purchase of the Episcopal residence.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due and are hereby tendered to the friends of the Church in Wilmington, for their munificent offer of a residence for the Bishop in that place; but that the said offer be respectfully declined.

In recommending the adoption of the latter resolution, the Committee desire it to be distinctly understood, that they do not intend thereby to recommend any interference with any arrangement which the Bishop may see proper to make with the friends of the Church in Wilmington in reference to his residence in that place.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

EDWIN GEER, Chairman.

As the Chairman of the Committee, I have made the foregoing Report, in obedience to their instructions; but from the conclusions at which the Committee have arrived, so far as they relate to the offer made by the friends of the Church in Wilmington, of a residence for the Bishop in that place, I beg leave to dissent, for the following reasons:

1st. Because I can see no good reason why the Convention should refuse to accept so valuable a donation.

2d. Because I am clearly of the opinion, that Wilmington, being the largest town in the Diocese, and consequently affording the widest field for the effective influence of the Bishop, and moreover having direct communication, by means of rail roads and other public conveyances, with a large portion of the Diocese, is the most suitable place for the residence of the Bishop.

3d. Because, by the terms of the proposed transfer of the property to the Trustees of the Diocese, the Bishop will be left entirely free to remove from Wilmington at any time, and take up his residence in any other part of the Diocese that he may deem more desirable.

4th. Because the said offer affords the Bishop an opportunity of trying Wilmington as a place of residence, without cost to the Diocese; and the event of his removal from that place, should it occur, and the consequent forfeiture of the residence offered, would occasion no actual loss to the Diocese, and would result in a gain of property to the amount of ten thousand dollars to the Churches in Wilmington.

EDWIN GEER.

After considerable debate, a motion was made to lay the Report and the Resolutions on the table:

A division was called, and it was decided to lay it on the table by a vote of 26 Ayes and 22 Noes.

A motion was made that the resolution of the last Convention be rescinded.

Motion made to lay this motion on the table, which was lost,—25 Ayes, 27 Noes.

Motion made that the Convention adjourn to 4 o'clock P. M., which was not carried.

On motion, the following resolution was introduced:

Resolved, That the resolution of the last Convention to raise the sum

of \$10,000 to procure by purchase or otherwise a residence for the Bishop, be and is hereby rescinded; and that the tender of an Episcopal residence, by the friends of the Church in Wilmington, be accepted.

A division of the question was called for. On the first part of the resolution the vote by Orders was called for, and resulted as follows:

Clergy—Ayes	13
Noes	11

Those of the Clergy who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Cheshire, Beckwith, Drane, Forbes, Geer, Hughes, Hewitt, Smith, Snowden, Donnelly, Bronson, Pickett, Patterson.

Those who voted in the negative were: Messrs. Greene, Hubbard, Huske, Hines, Lee, R. S. Mason, R. H. Mason, Olmsted, Parker, Parkman, Smedes.

Those of the Congregations who voted in the affirmative are as follows:

Trinity Church, Beaufort.—Israel Harding, Aye; Henry Harding, Aye; W. H. Patrick, Aye.

St. James's Church, Wilmington.—Dr. Thos. H. Wright, Aye; Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Jr., Aye; James Anderson, Aye.

Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.—William Maghee, Aye; William Eaton, Jr., Aye; Thos. A. Montgomery, Aye.

St. Peter's, Washington.—William J. Ellison, Aye.

Christ Church, Newbern.—Stephen C. Roberts, No.

Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.—R. H. Smith, No; Peter E. Smith, No.

St. Mark's, Halifax.—F. S. Marshall, Aye.

St. Matthew's, Hillsborough.—Thomas Ruffin, Sr., No; Thomas B. Hill, No; E. D. McNair, Aye.

St. Stephen's, Oxford.—James T. Littlejohn, No.

Christ Church, Raleigh.—John H. Bryan, No.

St. John's, Williamsborough.—John T. Taylor, No; R. A. Hamilton, Aye; James Bullock, No.

Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.—Philemon B. Hawkins, No.

St. Paul's Church, Edenton.—John Thompson, No; William A. Moore, No.

St. Mary's Church, Kinston.—Dr. James P. Bryan, No.

St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough.—H. A. London, Aye.

St. Stephen's, Goldsborough.—George V. Strong, Aye.

Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.—Hon. W. H. Battle, No; E. Mallett, No; Dr. J. B. Jones, No; J. B. Lucas, No.

Congregations—Ayes	7
Noes	10

There being a non-concurrence of both Orders, the question was decided in the negative.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald appeared and took his seat.

The Committee appointed to act as Tellers in the election of Dele-

gates to the General Convention reported the following as elected: Dr. Mason, Dr. Drane, Mr. Geer, Mr. Huske, of the Clergy; Thomas Ruffin, Sr., Edw'd Lee Winslow, Hon. W. H. Battle, Josiah Collins, of the Laity.

The following were elected the Standing Committee for the year: Dr. Mason, Dr. Smedes, Mr. Hubbard, of the Clergy; John H. Bryan, G. W. Mordecai, of the Laity.

The following as Trustees of the School: G. W. Mordecai, Thomas Hill, H. A. London.

The following as the Missionary Committee: Rev. G. Benton, Rev. J. C. Huske, Edw'd Lee Winslow, Chas. T. Haigh, E. J. Hale.

The following as the Education Committee: Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., John H. Bryan, G. W. Mordecai.

Trustees to hold property: Right Rev. Thos. Atkinson, G. W. Mordecai, Hon. W. H. Battle.

Charles T. Haigh was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Committee of Finance made the following Report, which was adopted:

REPORT of the Committee of Finance.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report: That they have examined the Treasurer's accounts, submitted to them, and find them correctly stated, and the various items of disbursement, with a few unimportant exceptions, sustained by proper vouchers.

The Committee are gratified to observe, that the Parishes generally have been more prompt than usual in meeting the assessments upon them, and the consequent greatly improved condition of the finances. There are, however, still a number of delinquencies, and as some of them may arise from the assessments being excessive, or from other causes which might be remedied if known to the Convention, they beg leave to call the attention of the Treasurer to the resolution of May 1836, requiring him to annex to his Report, a list of those Congregations which have failed to pay the amounts assessed on them.

In view of the importance of steadily increasing our Permanent Funds, the Committee recommend, that all income arising from investments for the Permanent Missionary Fund, and that for the support of the Episcopate, not immediately required, be added to them respectively; and also, that, should there be any surplus from the amount contributed for current purposes of the same objects, it be also applied to the increase of the said Permanent Funds.

The account of G. W. Mordecai, Esq. as Treasurer of the Education Committee, has been examined and found correct. The disbursements having been made under authority of the said Committee, no vouchers are thought necessary.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the Scale of Assessment of last year, with the following alterations and additions, viz:

	Bishop.	Missionary.	Relief.
St. Andrew's, Rowan,	\$15 00	\$10 00	\$5 00
St. Mary's, Gatesville,	7 50	7 50	2 50
Grace Church, Bertie,	7 50	7 50	2 50
St. Barnabas, Murfreesborough,	7 50	7 50	2 50

With regard to the resolution instructing the Treasurer of the Diocese to pay the expenses of the Clergy while in attendance on the Diocesan Conventions, which has been referred to this Committee, they are satisfied, that as the Clergy are required to attend the Convention annually, their expenses should be defrayed; yet it does not seem expedient to the Committee to charge those expenses to the common funds of the Church; but on the contrary, that each Parish should provide for the expenses of its own Clergyman, and recommend to all the Parishes to do so.

The subject of the republication of the Works of the late Bishop Ravenscroft, which was referred to this Committee, has been by them duly considered, and they beg leave to recommend, that in case the Convention should decide on the republication, the funds necessary to that purpose, beyond the bequest of the late Mr. Wright, can readily be provided by an application of so much as may be necessary, not exceeding eight hundred dollars, out of the surplus funds in the hands of the Treasurer, by way of loan, to be reimbursed upon the sale of the Works, and the Committee recommend that course. The Committee are further of opinion, that the former Committee on this subject be re-appointed, and charged with the duty of contracting for, and superintending, the publication of the Works and the sale thereof, with power to appoint the Clergy in the several Parishes, and other fit persons in this and other States, to obtain subscriptions for the Work, and an agent or agents to distribute the books and receive the money therefor.

In behalf of the Committee,

ROBERT B. DRANE, Chairman.

Whereupon,

On motion, Resolved, That the Convention will republish the works of Bishop Ravenscroft, and that the mode of providing the funds for this purpose recommended by the Finance Committee be adopted.

Whereupon the Report was adopted.

The Committee on the Relief Fund made the following Report, which was adopted:

REPORT of the Committee on the Relief Fund.

The Committee on the Relief Fund respectfully report: that during the past Conventional year there has been no addition to the number of those receiving appropriations from this source.

There has been paid into the treasury the sum of \$598 13; which, added to a balance on hand of \$88 '74, amounts to \$686 87. Of this Mrs. Wiley has received \$378 50, and Mrs. Thurston \$203 81; making the sum of \$582 31 paid out of the treasury.

The contributions during the present year exceed those of the last by about \$14. Your Committee are gratified with the interest manifested in regard to this, which they deem one of the most sacred of the Church's charities. The larger Parishes, almost without an exception, have contributed the full amount assessed upon them, and in some instances have exceeded it.

N. COLLIN HUGHES.

The Committee on the Unfinished Business of the last Convention made the following Report, which was accepted and laid over for consideration to the next Convention:

REPORT of the Committee on Unfinished Business.

The Committee appointed to examine the Journal of the last Diocesan Convention, and to report whether any, and if any, what matters contained therein require the action of this Convention, would beg leave to report: That, after a careful perusal of said Journal, the only matter which they have been able to discover, requiring present consideration, is that contained on pages 53-4, relating to certain amendments to Articles II, V, and VI of the Constitution.

J. W. MURPHY.

T. G. HAUGHTON.

A motion was made to lay on the table the second branch of the resolution as to the residence of the Bishop, which is in these words: "that the tender of an Episcopal residence by the friends of the Church in Wilmington be accepted."

Which motion was not carried.

The question recurring on that branch of the resolution, a vote by Orders being called for, resulted as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative are: Rev. Messrs. Cheshire, Beckwith, Donnelly, Drane, Fitzgerald, Forbes, Geer, Hughes, Hewitt, Murphy, Pickett, Smith, Bronson,—13.

Those who voted in the negative: Messrs. Hubbard, Huske, Hines, Lee, R. S. Mason, R. H. Mason, Olmsted, Parker, Parkman,—9.

Of the Congregations, those who voted in the affirmative are as follows:

Trinity Church, Beaufort County.—Israel Harding, Aye.

St. Luke's, Washington County.—Thomas G. Haughton, Aye.

St. James's Church, Wilmington.—Dr. Thos. H. Wright, Aye; Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Aye; James Anderson, Aye.

Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.—William Plummer, Aye; William Eaton, Jr., No; William Maghee, Aye; Thos. A. Montgomery, Aye.

St. Peter's Church, Washington.—W. J. Ellison, Aye.

Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.—R. H. Smith, No; Peter E. Smith, No.

St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.—Thomas Ruffin, Sr., No; Thomas B. Hill, No; E. D. McNair, No.

Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.—Hon. W. H. Battle, No; E. Mallett, No; Dr. J. B. Jones, No; J. B. Lucas, No.

St. Stephen's, Oxford.—James T. Littlejohn, No.

Christ Church, Raleigh.—John H. Bryan, No.

St. John's, Williamsborough.—John T. Taylor, No; R. A. Hamilton, Aye.

Holy Innocents, Henderson.—Philemon B. Hawkins, No.

St. Paul's Church, Edenton.—John Thompson, No.

St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough.—H. A. London, Aye.

St. Stephen's, Goldsborough.—Geo. V. Strong, Aye.

St. Mark's Church, Halifax.—F. S. Marshall, Aye.

St. John's, Fayetteville.—E. L. Winslow, No.

Congregations—Divided	1
Ayes	8
Noes	8

There being a non-concurrence of both Orders, the resolution was not carried.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention does not intend, by any action that it has taken in relation to the providing of an Episcopal Residence, to interfere with the unquestionable right which the Bishop possesses, to select any place within the borders of the Diocese as his residence, that may in his judgment be best adapted to promote the interests of the Diocese and secure the comfort of his family.

On motion, Resolved, That the Secretary cause 1500 copies of the Journals of this Convention, and 500 copies extra of the Primary Charge of the Bishop, to be printed and circulated.

On motion, adjourned to Monday, 6 o'clock A. M.

Saturday Night, Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. J. Blount Cheshire, and a Sermon preached by the Bishop, from the 3d chapter of St. Paul's 2d Epistle to Timothy, 7th verse.

After Service, the Holy Rite of Confirmation was administered to 7 recipients.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. James Pickett, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald.

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. E. M. Forbes, from the 10th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, 40th verse.

The Rev. John Beckwith, Jr. was admitted to the Order of Priests. The candidate was presented by the Rev. A. F. Olmsted.

After which, the Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop to the Clergy, and by the Rev. A. F. Olmsted and the Rev. L. L. Smith, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Pickett and Fitzgerald, to a very large number of recipients.

In the Afternoon, Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Parkman; Sermon preached by the Rev. A. Smith, of the Diocese of Virginia.

At Night, Prayers were said by the Rev. Mr. Hewitt, and a Missionary Sermon preached by the Rev. A. F. Olmsted, from the 8th chapter of St. Paul's 2d Epistle to the Corinthians, 7th verse. A collection was made, amounting to \$129 00.

MONDAY, MAY 21.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were said by the Bishop.

Minutes of Saturday read and approved.

The Committee on the State of the Church made the following Report, which was accepted:

REPORT of the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Committee on the State of the Church respectfully report:

That from the Bishop's Journal, and the Parochial Reports submitted to them, they find that during the past year there have been 870 Baptisms, of which 781 were Infants and 89 Adults; 1527 Catechumens; 280 Confirmations; 2324 Communicants; 77 Marriages; 218 Funerals. The increase of Baptisms since last year has been 352; of Confirmations 78; and of Communicants 159.

The Candidates for Orders are at present 6. The number of Priests ordained has been 3; of Deacons 4,—making the whole number ordained 7. The Committee have learned with satisfaction this increase in the number of Ordinations, since, in the present want of laborers throughout the Church, it is from the native Clergy that the wants of this Diocese must be chiefly supplied.

Since the last Convention one Church has been consecrated. And \$20,183 86 have been contributed in the Diocese for various Church purposes.

Comparing this enumeration of the operations of the Church in our Diocese with that of former years, it will be seen that she has been blessed with a steady, if not a rapid and extensive progress; and that from many indications, we have good reason to hope that the gracious Head of the Church designs this progress to be continued. We trust, too, that this outward advancement is not unaccompanied by that internal spirit of holiness without which the outward prosperity of increase is of little or no value. May God grant to this, as to every other portion of His Church, unfailing faith and truth, that she may be presented unto Him without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing.

The Committee have observed with great satisfaction, the increasing interest manifested in the establishment of Diocesan and Parochial Schools; and look forward with pleased anticipation to the time when the education of the sons and daughters of the Church, of every grade of life, of the rich and of the poor, shall be provided for under her religious guidance and training.

The Committee cannot refrain from expressing their hearty concurrence with the sentiment set forth in the Bishop's recent Charge, on the importance, the necessity, of free Churches,—of Churches in which the rich and poor may meet together on equal terms,—to the exhibition of the true character, to the advancement and spirituality of our Communion.

R. S. MASON, Chairman.

The Committee on the Constitution and Canons continued to the next Convention, with instructions to report fully.

On motion of Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Jr.,

Resolved, That that part of the Report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons relating to the amendment of the 3d Article of the Constitution and Canons, recommending that after the words "members of such Church" the words "such Delegates being Communicants of this Church" be inserted, be entered on the Journal of this Convention, with a request that the various Parishes and Congregations shall take the subject into consideration, and send their Delegates either with instructions or prepared to inform the Convention of their views.

This resolution was laid on the table.

No other matters of business appearing, the members joined in singing the Gloria in Excelsis, and after prayers by the Bishop, adjourned *sine die*.

EDW'D LEE WINSLOW, Sec'y, &c.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

FAYETTEVILLE, MAY 12th, 1855.

The undersigned herewith submits the several Accounts of Funds that have come into his charge since the last Convention. He believes that all claims up to the present time have been discharged. And reports balances of cash on hand at the credit of—

Assessment for Bishop's Salary and Contingent Expenses,	\$1281 96
Missionary Fund for current purposes,	2095 85
Fund for Relief of Disabled Clergymen and Widows and Orphans,	94 51
Permanent Missionary Fund, derived from bequests,	214 50
Fund for the support of the Episcopate,	80 00
	<hr/> \$3766 82

At his credit as Treasurer of Convention in Bank of Cape Fear, Fayetteville,

\$1766 82

Note of "Rockfish Company," bearing interest from

1st May, and payable on demand, 2000 00

\$3766 82

In addition to securities reported to the last Convention, he has purchased one share Cape Fear Bank Stock, at \$120, on account of "Fund for the support of the Episcopate,"—making in all,—

44 shares Cape Fear Bank Stock, cost	\$4444 50
Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Bonds,	7500 00

Cash,	\$11,944 50
	80 00

\$12,024 50

It has heretofore been the practice to carry income from securities belonging to the Permanent Missionary Fund, to the credit of the same Fund. Ought it not rather to be applied to the Missionary Fund for current purposes?

Under advice of the Bishop and Missionary Committee the Treasurer has, during the past year, loaned out funds (that otherwise would have remained idle in Bank,) on unquestionable security and subject to call. And from this source interest amounting to \$152 17 has gone into the fund for Missionary purposes and support of the Bishop, &c.

Respectfully submitted.

C. T. HAIGH, Treasurer of Convention.

Dr. *Diocese of North Carolina, (for Bishop's salary and contingent*

1854,					
May 20.	To cash paid Rev. Dr. Drane, allowance as Delegate to General Convention,				\$50 00
22.	Ditto Rt Rev T. Atkinson, salary for quarter ending 15th July,				625 00
June 29.	Ditto E. J. Hale & Son, for printing Journals,				147 00
July 8.	Ditto Right Rev T. Atkinson's draft for salary to Oct. 15,				625 00
Sept. 16.	Ditto tax on interest on investments,				13 50
Nov. 17.	Ditto Right Rev T. Atkinson's draft for salary to Jan'y 15, 1855,				625 00
1855,					
Jan. 16.	Ditto	ditto	ditto,	to April 15,	625 00
April 17.	Ditto	ditto	ditto,	to July 15,	625 00
May 10.	To balance of cash on hand,				1,281 96

\$4,617 46

expenses of Convention,) in account with Treasurer of Convention. CR.

1854,		
May 15.	By balance from old account, cash on hand,	\$1,153 97
17.	By cash from Rev S. I. Johnston, St. Paul's, Edenton,	266 00
	From Rev E. M. Forbes, Christ church, Elizabeth City,	40 00
	From Mr R. A. Hamilton, St. John's, Williamsborough,	20 00
	From Rev Dr Mason, Christ church, Raleigh,	288 00
	From Rev J. Buxton, Trinity, Asheville,	4 00
	From ditto, Grace church, Morganton,	15 00
	From Rev W. E. Snowden, Holy Trinity, Hertford,	27 00
	From T. A. Blount, Esq., Emmanuel ch., Warrenton,	67 00
	From Rev J. H. Parker, St. Luke's, Salisbury,	35 00
	From Rev J. B. Cheshire, Trinity, Scotland Neck,	48 00
	From ditto, Calvary, Tarborough,	34 00
	From ditto, St. Thomas's, Windsor,	27 00
19.	From Hon W. H. Battle, Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill	15 00
	From Rev Dr Drane, St. James's, Wilmington,	200 00
	From Rev R. W. Barber, St. Paul's, Wilkesborough,	3 00
	From Rev A. A. Watson, Grace church, Plymouth,	18 00
	From ditto, St. Luke's, Washington county,	7 00
	From ditto, ch. of the Advent, Williamston,	3 00
	From Rev F. Fitzgerald, ch. of the Saviour, Jackson,	8 00
	From ditto, St. Mark's, Halifax,	10 00
	From Mr J. T. Littlejohn, St. Stephen's, Oxford,	35 00
	From Rev J. G. Jacocks, Christ church, Rowan,	21 00
	From ditto, St. Andrew's, "	6 75
	From ditto, St. Philip's, Mocksville,	7 50
	From Rev J. B. Donnelly, St. Matthew's, Hillsborough,	47 00
	From Dr W. R. Holt, ch. of Redemption, Lexington,	7 50
	From Rev Mr Hughes, St. John's, Pitt county,	10 00
	From ditto, Trinity, Beaufort,	24 00
	From Rev H. F. Greene, Christ church, Newbern,	275 07
	From Mr Jas. E. Hoyt, Sec'y, St. Peter's, Washington,	185 00
	From Rev J. W. Murphy, Pettigrew's chpl, Seuppernong,	34 00
	From church of Holy Innocents, Henderson,	10 00
22.	From H. A. London, Esq., St. Bartholomew's, Pittsboro',	40 00
	From ditto, St. Mark's, Guilf,	15 00
30.	From Rev R. H. Mason, St. John's, Rutherfordton,	7 50
	From Rev H. H. Hewitt, Calvary, Wadesborough,	27 00
June 21.	From Bishop Atkinson, Durham's Creek,	4 00
July 6.	From G. W. Mordecai, interest on bonds R. & G. Rail Road,	225 00
Oct. 30.	From C. C. Pinkney, Esq., St. John's in the Wilderness,	36 00
Nov. 1.	Dividend on 44 shares stock in Bank of Cape Fear,	220 00
16.	From C. C. Pinkney, Esq., St. John's in the Wilderness.	12 00
1855,		
Jan. 3.	From Dr T. H. Wright, St. James's, Wilmington,	150 00
	From G. W. Mordecai, Esq., interest on Bonds to Jan. 1,	225 00
Feb. 12.	From Rev J. B. Donnelly, St. Mary's, Orange, to 1854,	5 00
April 4.	From Dr T. H. Wright, St. James's, Wilmington,	150 00
May 1	Dividend No. 91 on 44 shares C. F. Bank stock,	220 00
3.	From Rev J. Buxton, Trinity, Asheville,	8 00
	Proportion of interest on money loaned,	52 17
9.	From E. L. Winslow, St. Paul's, Lcuisburg,	20 00
10.	From W. J. Anderson, Treas'r, St. John's, Fayetteville,	280 00
	From A. Aiden, Christ church, Rockfish,	15 00
		\$4,617 46
	By balance of cash on hand,	\$1,281 96

Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen,) in ac-
of the Convention. Cr.

1854,		
May 15.	By balance of cash on hand as reported,	\$88 74
19.	By cash St. Paul's, Edenton, by Rev S. I. Johnston,	33 00
	Ditto Christ church, Elizabeth City, Rev E. M. Forbes,	13 00
	Ditto St. John's, Williamsborough, R. A. Hamilton, Esq.	5 00
	Ditto Trinity church, Asheville, Rev J. Buxton,	2 40
	Ditto Grace church, Morganton, ditto,	3 60
	Ditto Holy Trinity, Hertford, Rev W. E. Snowden,	2 40
	Ditto Emmanuel, Warrenton, T. A. Blount, Esq.,	18 00
	Ditto St. Luke's, Salisbury, Rev J. H. Parker,	10 00
	Ditto Trinity, Scotland Neck, Rev J. B. Cheshire,	12 00
	Ditto Calvary, Tarborough, ditto,	10 00
	Ditto St. Thomas's, Windsor, ditto,	5 00
	Ditto Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, Hon W. H. Battle,	3 60
	Ditto Grace church, Plymouth, Rev A. A. Watson,	5 00
	Ditto St. Luke's, Washington county, ditto,	2 40
	Ditto church of the Advent, Williamston, ditto,	1 75
	Ditto church of the Saviour, Jackson, Rev F. Fitzgerald,	3 00
	Ditto St. Stephen's, Oxford, Mr J. T. Littlejohn,	10 00
	Ditto church of Redemption, Lexington, Dr W. R. Holt,	3 60
	Ditto St. Matthew's, Hillsborough, Rev J. B. Donnelly,	12 00
	Ditto St. John's, Pitt county, Rev Mr Hughes,	2 50
	Ditto Trinity, Beaufort, ditto,	9 00
	Ditto Christ church, Newbern, Rev H. F. Greene,	60 61
	Ditto St. Peter's, Washington, James E. Hoyt, Esq.,	96 00
	Ditto Pettigrew's chapel, Scuppernong, Rev J. W. Murphy	9 60
	Ditto Holy Innocents, Henderson, Bishop Atkinson,	4 00
	Ditto St. Bartholomew's, Pittsboro', H. A. London, Esq.,	12 00
	Ditto St. Mark's, Gulf, ditto,	3 60
	Ditto St. John's, Rutherfordton, Rev R. H. Mason,	2 50
	Ditto Calvary, Wadesborough, Rev H. H. Hewitt,	6 00
June 21.	Ditto Durham's Creek, Bishop Atkinson,	2 00
1855,		
Jan. 3.	Ditto St. James's, Wilmington, Dr T. H. Wright,	60 00
13	Ditto Calvary, Tarborough, Rev J. B. Cheshire,	10 00
Feb. 7.	Ditto St. John's, Fayetteville, W. J. Anderson, Treas'r,	60 00
12.	Ditto St. Matthew's, Hillsborough, Rev J. B. Donnelly,	12 00
26.	Ditto St. Paul's, Edenton, W. Badham, Treas'r,	26 56
Mar. 31.	Ditto St. Mary's school, Rev A. Smedes,	10 00
May 3.	Ditto Trinity church, Asheville, Rev J. Buxton,	2 40
10.	Ditto Christ church, Raleigh, Rev Dr Mason,	40 00
	Ditto Christ church, Rockfish,	3 60
		\$686 87
	By balance in Treasurer's hands brought forward,	\$94 51

DR. *Diocese of North Carolina, (for Missionary Fund for current*

1854,		
July 8.	To cash paid Bishop Atkinson's order in favor of Rev W. G. Jackson,	\$50 00
Oct. 19.	To Sec'y's draft to Rev. Jarvis Buxton, for services commencing May 1854,	100 00
	Ditto Rev G. Patterson, ditto,	50 00
	Ditto Rev W. E. Snowden, ditto,	100 00
	Ditto Rev A. A. Watson, ditto,	100 00
	Ditto Rev F. Fitzgerald, ditto,	50 00
	Ditto Rev J. B. Donnelly, ditto,	50 00
	Ditto Rev A. F. Olmsted, ditto,	100 00
	Ditto Rev J. G. Jacocks, ditto,	50 00
	Ditto Rev R. H. Masen, ditto,	50 00
	Ditto Rev R. W. Barber, ditto,	100 00
	Ditto Rev H. H. Prout, ditto,	100 00
	Ditto Rev W. W. Skiles, ditto,	50 00
Nov. 13.	To cash paid Rev J. C. Huske, freight on Books,	1 25
	Ditto for Postage Stamps,	75
Dec. 28.	To Sec'y's draft in favor of Rev H. H. Hewitt,	100 00
1855,		
Jan. 17	Ditto in favor of Rev J. T. Pickett,	100 00
Feb'y.	To cash paid Right Rev T. Atkinson's draft, (books,)	50 00
April 28.	Ditto " for Postage Stamps,	75
	To Secretary's drafts for services ending with Convention 1855, viz: Rev George Patterson,	50 00
	Rev W. E. Snowden,	100 00
	Rev A. A. Watson,	100 00
	Rev F. Fitzgerald,	50 00
	Rev J. B. Donnelly,	50 00
	Rev A. F. Olmsted,	100 00
	Rev W. W. Skiles,	50 00
	Rev R. W. Barber,	100 00
	Rev H. H. Prout,	100 00
	Rev H. H. Hewitt,	100 00
	Rev J. T. Pickett,	100 00
	Rev P. Gallagher,	50 00
	Rev Mr Bronson,	100 00
	Rev George B. Wetmore,	75 00
	Rev Jarvis Buxton,	100 00
	Rev J. Beckwith, Jr.,	50 00

Amount carried forward,

\$2,477 75

purposes,) in account with the Treasurer of the Convention.

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1854,		
May 15.	By balance as per statement to Convention 1854,	\$1,178 15
19.	By cash from Rev. S. I. Johnston, St. Paul's, Edenton,	53 50
	From Rev E. M. Forbes, Christ church, Elizabeth City,	50 00
	From Mr R. A. Hamilton, St. John's, Williamsborough,	20 00
	From Rev J. Buxton, Trinity, Asheville,	9 00
	From ditto, Grace church, Morganton,	6 60
	From Rev W. E. Snowden, Holy Trinity, Hertford,	30 00
	From Rev J. H. Parker, St. Luke's, Salisbury,	35 00
	From Rev J. B. Cheshire, Trinity, Scotland Neck,	30 00
	From ditto, Calvary, Tarborough,	25 00
	From ditto, St. Thomas's, Windsor,	30 00
	From Hon W. H. Battle, Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill,	15 00
	From Rev Dr Drane, St. James's, Wilmington,	200 00
	From Rev R. W. Barber, St. Paul's, Wilkesborough,	5 60
	From Rev A. A. Watson, Grace church, Plymouth,	21 59
	From ditto, St. Luke's, Washington county,	7 50
	From ditto, ch. of the Advent, Williamston,	3 00
	From Rev J. G. Jacobs, Christ church, Rowan,	3 80
	From ditto, St. Andrew's, ditto,	1 80
	From Rev F. Fitzgerald, church of the Saviour, Jackson,	9 00
	From Dr W. R. Holt, ch. of the Redemption, Lexington,	10 00
	From Rev J. B. Donnelly, St. Matthew's, Hillsborough,	25 00
	From Rev Mr Hughes, St. John's, Pitt county,	15 00
	From ditto, Trinity, Beaufort,	39 75
	From Rev H. F. Greene, Christ church, Newbern,	190 05
	From Rev Mr Rolfe, St. Stephen's, Goldsborough, and St. Mary's, Clinton,	45 89
	From Mr Jas. E. Hoyt, Sec'y, St. Peter's, Washington,	37 65
	From Rev J. W. Murphy, Pettigrew's chp'l, Seuppernong	38 00
	From ditto, Lake Chapel,	82 04
	From ditto, premium on draft on N. York,	1 51
	From Rt Rev Bp. Atkinson, Holy Innocents, Henderson,	18 00
	From Rev R. H. Mason, St. John's, Rutherfordton,	10 00
22.	From Mr H. A. Landon, St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough	45 00
	From ditto, St. Mark's, Gulf,	15 00
	Collection in St. James's, Wilmington,	554 00
June 21.	From Mrs. Sutherland, Chapel Hill,	10 00
	From Bishop Atkinson, Durham's Creek,	4 00
Nov. 4	From St. Luke's, Salisbury,	60 18
	From Rev. H. H. Prout, Lenoir county,	7 00
	From ditto, for Prayer Books,	2 00
18.	From Bishop Atkinson, Grace church, Morganton,	20 00
	From ditto, contributed by divers Churches	
	on his visitation,	40 00
20.	From ditto, ditto,	10 00
1855,		
Jan. 13	From Rev J. B. Cheshire, Trinity, Scotland Neck,	35 00
	From ditto, Calvary, Tarborough,	25 00
17.	From Bisnop Atkinson, St. Stephen's, Oxford,	11 00
	From ditto, Christ church, Raleigh,	19 00
Feb. 12	From Rev J. B. Donnelly, St. Mary's, Orange, to 1854,	5 00
	From ditto, St. Matthew's, Hillsboro', to 1855	25 00
26.	From Mr W. Badham, Treas'r, St. Paul's, Edenton,	111 78
Mar. 31.	From Rev A. Smedes, St. Mary's school, Raleigh,	90 00
April 12.	From Bishop Atkinson, sundry collections,	188 78
	Amount carried forward,	\$3,524 60

DR. *Diocese of North Carolina, (for Missionary purposes,)*

1855,	To amount brought forward,	\$2,477 75
May 10.	To balance in Treasurer's hands, carried to new account,	2,095 85
		<hr/> \$4,573 60 <hr/>

DR. *Diocese of North Carolina, (for Fund for the support of the*

1855,		
May 10.	To securities on hand:	
	State Bonds,	\$7,500 00
	43 shares Cape Fear Bank stock,	4,324 50
	1 " " " " " cost	120 00
	Cash,	80 00
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DR. *Diocese of North Carolina, (for Permanent Missionary Fund de-*

in account with Treasurer of Convention—continued. Cr.

1855,			
	By amount brought forward,		\$3,524 60
April 30.	By cash Dr T. H. Wright, Treas., St. James's, Wilmington,		350 00
May 3.	From Rev J. Buxton, Trinity, Asheville,		9 00
	From Treas'r, proportion of interest on money loaned,		100 00
9.	From Rev A. Smedes, St. Mary's school, Raleigh, in full,		60 00
10.	From Rev Dr Mason, Christ church, Raleigh,		210 00
	From W. J. Anderson, Treas'r, St. John's, Fayetteville,		320 00
			<hr/> \$4,573 60
	By balance in Treasurer's hands,		<hr/> \$2,095 85

Episcopate,) in account with the Treasurer of the Convention. Cr.

1853,			
May 21.	By balance, securities on hand,		\$11,824 50
28	By cash from Rev A. A. Watson, contribution to this Fund from Lake Chapel, Scuppernong,		100 00
1854,			
May 19	By ditto ditto ditto, by Rev J. W. Murphy,		100 00
1855,			
May 10.	By balance, securities on hand:		
	Bonds of Raleigh and Gaston Road,	\$7,500 00	
	44 shares C. F. Bank stock, cost,	4,444 50	
	Cash,	80 00	
			<hr/> \$12,024 50

rived from Bequests,) in account with Treasurer of Convention. Cr.

1855,			
May 10.	By 12 shares stock in Bank of Cape Fear, cost		\$1,300 00
	By cash balance reported to last Convention,		94 50
1854,			
Nov. 1.	By " dividend on 12 shares stock,		60 00
1855,			
May 1.	By " " 12 " "		60 00
			<hr/> \$1,514 50

SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS.

	Bishop's Salary and Contingent	Missionary Fund.	Relief Fund.
St. James's church, Wilmington.....	\$300 00	\$350 00	\$60 00
St. John's church, Fayetteville.....	280 00	320 00	60 00
Christ church, Raleigh.....	280 00	320 00	60 00
Christ church, Newbern.....	280 00	320 00	60 00
St. Paul's church, Edenton.....	266 00	300 00	48 00
St. Peter's, Washington.....	135 00	150 00	30 00
St. Mary's school.....	150 00	12 00
Emmanuel church, Warrenton.....	67 00	75 00	18 00
St. Luke's, Salisbury.....	35 00	35 00	10 00
St. Stephen's, Oxford.....	35 00	35 00	10 00
Trinity church, Scotland Neck.....	43 00	65 00	12 00
St. John's in the Wilderness.....	48 00	55 00	12 00
St. Matthew's, Hillsborough.....	47 00	25 00	12 00
Christ church, Elizabeth City.....	40 00	50 00	12 00
St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough.....	40 00	45 00	12 00
St. John's, Williamsborough.....	20 00	20 00	5 00
Calvary church, Tarborough.....	34 00	50 00	9 60
Missionary Station in Scuppernong.....	34 00	38 00	9 60
Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.....	24 00	27 00	5 00
Trinity chapel, Beaufort.....	30 00	36 00	9 60
Calvary church, Wadesborough.....	27 00	30 00	6 00
St. Thomas's, Bath.....	27 00	30 00	6 00
Holy Trinity, Hertford, Perquimons.....	27 00	30 00	2 40
St. Thomas's, Windsor.....	27 00	30 00	6 00
Christ church, Rowan.....	20 00	22 00	4 50
St. Thomas's, Craven.....	20 00	22 00	4 50
St. James's, Granville.....	20 00	30 00	4 50
St. Paul's, Louisburg.....	20 00	22 00	4 50
Zion chapel, Beaufort.....	18 00	18 00	3 60
Grace church, Plymouth.....	18 00	18 00	3 60
St. Mary's, Orange.....	13 00	15 00	3 60
St. Mary's, Kinston.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
St. Mark's church, Chatham county.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
Church of the Redemption, Lexington.....	7 50	10 00	3 60
St. Paul's, Granville.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
Grace church, Morganton.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
Christ church, Rockfish.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
Gethsemane, Falkland, Pitt county.....	15 00	15 00	2 40
St. Luke's, Lincolnton.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
St. Philip's church, Mocksville.....	7 50	8 00	2 40
St. Peter's, Charlotte.....	7 50	15 00	2 40
St. John's, Pitt county.....	7 50	15 00	2 40
St. Luke's church, Washington county.....	7 50	7 00	2 40
St. John's, Rutherfordton.....	7 50	10 00	2 40
Church of the Advent, Williamston.....	7 50	9 00	2 40
Old St. Philip's, Smithville.....	8 00	9 00	2 40
Church of the Saviour, Jackson.....	8 25	9 00	2 40
Trinity church, Asheville.....	8 00	9 00	2 40
Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.....	10 00	12 00	5 00
St. Mark's, Halifax.....	10 00
St. Paul's, Clinton.....	15 00	5 00	5 00
St. Stephen's, Goldsborough.....	15 00	5 00	5 00
St. Andrew's, Rowan.....	15 00	10 00	5 00
St. Mary's, Gatesville.....	7 50	7 50	2 50
Grace church, Bertie.....	7 50	7 50	2 50
St. Barnabas, Murfreesborough.....	7 50	7 50	2 50
	\$2563 50	\$3030 50	\$601 50

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina.

ARTICLE I.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, accedes to, recognises and adopts, the General Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, at such time and place as may be fixed by the next preceding Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Each regularly ordained Minister, of either order, being settled with a parochial charge in this State; or being a President, Professor, or Instructor of youth, in any Seminary of Learning in this State; or being a Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, acting under the direction of the Ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, shall be entitled to a seat and a vote in the Convention; *provided* he shall have been actually and canonically a resident of the State, or shall have been a Candidate for Orders belonging to this Diocese, for the space of twelve calendar months next before the Convention. Each Church or Congregation in this Diocese, which is now a member, or shall hereafter be admitted a member of this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one or more Lay Delegates, not exceeding four, to be chosen by the Vestry or by the Congregation, from among the members of such Congregation. Provided, however, that no one person shall be the Delegate of more than one Church or Congregation at the same Convention. Provided, also, that this Article shall not exclude from the Convention any Clergyman who is now and shall continue to be a resident in this State, and who is now a member of this Convention. Provided further, that the Lay Delegates of no congregation which is formed after a vacancy has occurred in the office of Bishop, by death or otherwise, shall vote in the election of the next successor in the office, or upon any question touching such election.

ARTICLE IV.

Every Convention shall be opened with Prayer, and a Sermon, which shall be delivered by some Clergyman who has been nominated by the Ecclesiastical authority of the Church.

ARTICLE V.

A President shall be annually appointed, who shall preside in all meetings of the Convention, except when a Bishop shall be present, when he shall, *ex-officio*, be President.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be annually chosen, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the proceedings, and to give timely notice to each Minister and Vestry, of the time and place of each meeting of the Convention in this Diocese.

ARTICLE VII.

A Standing Committee, of not less than three nor more than seven persons, shall be annually chosen by ballot. They shall have power to admit Candidates for the Ministry, and when there is not a Bishop, they shall examine and pass on the testimonials of foreign Clergymen. They may call special meetings of the Convention; and shall transact all other business as they are empowered to do by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention. They shall also have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their own body by death, removal, or otherwise, during the recess of the Annual Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

A majority of the Standing Committee of this Church shall at all times be Clergymen of this Diocese; and no Layman shall be appointed a member of said Committee, except he be a Communicant of the Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE IX.

In all questions which shall come before the Convention, when it shall be required by the Delegation of one Church or Congregation, or by any one Clerical member, the Laity shall vote by Congregations. And when it shall be so required, the two orders shall vote separately, and in the latter case, the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to make a decision of the Convention. When no such division of the Convention shall be required, each member of the Convention, both Clerical and Lay, shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE X.

The election of a Bishop in this Diocese shall be made in the following manner: The order of the Clergy shall nominate and appoint by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office, and if this appointment be approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. In the above-mentioned nomination and appointment a majority of each order shall determine the choice—provided that two-thirds of all the Clergy entitled to votes be present; and two-thirds of all the Congregations entitled to votes be represented; otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

ARTICLE XI.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, except by the concurrent votes of two-thirds of the attending members at an annual meet-

ing of the Convention—such vote being taken in accordance with the preceding provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XII.

Each Church or Congregation in this Diocese, which is now a member, or shall hereafter be admitted a member of this Convention, shall be entitled to elect by its Vestry, in addition to those authorized by the third Article, four Alternate Delegates, to fill any vacancy in the delegation elect in the order of their election.

CANONS

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina.

CANON I.—PASSED APRIL 1817.—*Of Presentments.*

Every trial of a Clergyman in this Church, for misbehaviour, shall be on presentment, made to the Bishop by the Convention, by the Vestry of the Parish to which the Clergyman belongs, or by three or more Presbyters of the Church. In every presentment the charge or charges shall be distinctly specified.

CANON II.—PASSED APRIL 1817.—*Of the Trial of a Clergyman.*

For the trial of a Clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint three Presbyters, who shall be constituted a board for trying the accused person. The Bishop shall fix the time and place of trial; of both which, at least a month's notice shall be given to the party accused; and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. The Board thus constituted, shall examine fully, the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of the witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on the testimony of less than two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administered by a magistrate. In all questions, a unanimous vote shall be necessary to a decision. Having come to a decision on the charge or charges respectively, the Board shall communicate their decision to the Bishop—and also, in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case be final.

CANON III.—PASSED APRIL 1817.—*Of the sentence to be pronounced upon a Clergyman found guilty of Misbehaviour.*

This sentence may be admonition, suspension, degradation from the ministry, or excommunication; and shall be pronounced by the Bishop and communicated to every parish in the Diocese.

CANON IV.—PASSED APRIL 1819.—*Respecting the call of a Special Convention.*

When a Special Convention is called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary in issuing the notifications, to specify therein the business and purposes for which the Convention is to be assembled.

CANON V.—PASSED APRIL 1819.—*Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports.*

In order to give effect to the 40th Canon of the General Convention in 1808, it is hereby required that each minister of this Church shall keep a register of all the Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals, solemnized by him in the discharge of his Ministry; specifying the names of the parties married, the name and time of the birth of the child baptised, with the names of the parents, and the name of the person buried, and the time when each rite is performed; which register shall be transcribed, at least once in every month, in a book to be kept for that purpose belonging to the Vestry of each Church. He shall also keep a register of the names of the Communicants within his care. And it shall be the duty of each Minister to report annually to the Bishop, at the meeting of the Convention, the amount or sum total of said registers, and also the amount of the register of adults required to be kept by the aforesaid Canon of the General Convention, together with a written account of the state of the Parish. Which reports shall be by the Bishop communicated to the Convention, and read in their presence, in order to promote a general knowledge of the state of the Church; and shall afterwards be preserved by the Secretary among the records of the Convention.

CANON VI.—PASSED APRIL 1819.—*The Clergy required to attend the Meetings of the Convention.*

Whereas the regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention, is of essential consequence to the interest of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them. At the opening of each Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats therein shall be called over, the absentees noted, and at the ensuing Convention they shall be called upon for the reasons of their absence.

CANON VII.—PASSED MAY 1842, INSTEAD OF THE ONE PASSED MAY 1821.—*Of the forming of a Congregation.*

Any ten or more Adults may form themselves into a Congregation of this Church, and be received into union with this Convention, by consenting to be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in these United States, as set forth in General Convention, and by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese; by assuming a name to designate such Congregation; by electing a Vestry of four or

more persons, not exceeding twelve; and by subscribing the following form of Certificate, to be presented to the Convention of the Church in this Diocese:

We, the undersigned, being assembled for the purpose of forming ourselves into a Congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States, do certify that we have consented to be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church, as set forth in General Convention, and by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese; that we have assumed the name of —, [here should follow the name and place;] and have elected the following persons Vestrymen, to-wit: [names of Vestrymen.] In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names, this — day of —, in the year of our Lord —.

CANON VIII.—PASSED MAY 1824.—*Respecting Annual Contributions.*

An annual contribution shall be made by each Congregation in this Diocese, to defray the necessary expenses of the Bishop's visitations, and the contingent charges of the Convention, and likewise to furnish our quota to the contingent expenses of the General Convention, which sums shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Convention as they shall be received.

CANON IX.—PASSED MAY 1824.—*Respecting the Bishop's authority to change the place of holding the Convention.*

In all cases where a contagious disease, or any other sufficient cause, shall render it necessary, the Bishop may change the place of meeting appointed by the Convention.

CANON X.—PASSED APRIL 1825.—*To appoint a Treasurer and to prescribe his duties.*

A Treasurer of the Convention shall be appointed annually. He shall have the custody of all moneys belonging to the Convention, and shall render to the Convention an annual account of all moneys so entrusted to him. The said Treasurer shall, *ex-officio*, receive all money from the Trustees or General Agent of the Fund for the Episcopate as it may be collected, and vest the same, and all interest and dividends thereon, in the Capital Stocks of some one of the Banks of the State.

CANON XI.—PASSED MAY 1827.—*Authorizing the Treasurer to invest the Money belonging to the Convention.*

The Treasurer of the Convention shall, from time to time, invest in stock, or put out to interest on good security, as he may deem most advantageous, all moneys in the Treasury not especially appropriated, and all sums received for the use of the Episcopate.

CANON XII.—PASSED MAY 1830.—*Pointing out the additional duties of the Secretary.*

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to preserve for the use of the members of the Convention, during its Sessions, six copies of the Constitution and Canons of this Church; and each year to preserve for the same purpose, six copies of the printed Journals of Convention. These papers the Secretary shall cause to be present at each Convention.

CANON XIII.—PASSED MAY 1841.—*Relating to the Standing Committee.*

It shall be the duty of the members of the Standing Committee to hold meetings for the transaction of business at every Convention of the Diocese; and this Canon is hereby declared to be due notice to each member of the same, to assemble at the time and place of the meeting of each Annual Convention.

RESOLUTIONS CONTINUING IN FORCE,

ADOPTED AT VARIOUS SESSIONS OF THE CONVENTION.

Resolved, That with the consent of his Vestry, it be the duty of every settled Clergyman, not having more than two Congregations in his Parochial Cure, to devote one Sunday in every three months to Missionary labor, and that the Bishop have the power of regulating the time and place of service.—*Adopted May 1832.*

Resolved, That the Vestries of such Churches in this Diocese as may be destitute of Clergymen, be requested to forward to the Secretary, at least one month before the meeting of every Annual Convention, a report of the state and condition of said churches.—*Adopted June 1835.*

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to annex to his Report, the list of those congregations which have failed, or may hereafter fail, to pay the sums assessed for the Bishop's Salary and Contingent Fund, in the hope, that upon such deficiency being brought to their notice, they may transmit the same promptly.—*Adopted May 1836.*

[After the adoption of the following resolutions, by "the Bible, Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary Society of the Diocese," the Missionary operations of the Diocese were placed under the charge of a Missionary Committee, consisting of two Clergymen and three Laymen:—

Resolved, as the sense of this meeting, that the Church of Christ is the only proper Missionary Society, being divinely instituted, and wisely adapted, for the conducting of all operations for the spread of the Gospel.

Resolved, That in accordance with the foregoing principle, the Convention of the Church in this Diocese be respectfully requested to take under its own immediate control, all the Bible, Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary operations of the Diocese.

Resolved, That should the Convention accede to the foregoing request, and assume the existing responsibilities of this Society to the Missionaries and others, all the records, and the property of every description,

belonging to the Society, be delivered to such persons as the Convention may appoint to receive them,—and this Society be then dissolved.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by this Society, to communicate the foregoing resolutions to the Convention, and respectfully to request their adoption of the plan proposed therein.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, and to make out a list of all the property and of all the existing liabilities of the Society, and that the Committee report to this Society at its next meeting.—*Adopted May 1836.*

Resolved, That it be recommended to every Clergyman, to procure annually the sum of at least \$5, in money or books, for the increase of said Library.

Resolved, That each Clergyman present the Librarian with a list of the Books in his own or his Parish Library, so that unnecessary duplicates may not be purchased, and that each may know where to apply for any needed set of books.—*Adopted May 1841.*

Resolved, That every Clergyman of this Diocese, having a Parochial Cure, be hereby enjoined to press upon his congregation, in a public discourse at least once a year, the high obligations under which we lie to contribute from our means, on the principle of Systematic Charity, as recommended by the Bishop and adopted by the Diocese.

Resolved, That each Clergyman having a Parochial Cure, or where there is no Clergyman, the Wardens of the Parish, be requested to transmit quarterly, to the Treasurer, the amount collected up to that time for Missionary operations.—*Adopted May 1844.*

Resolved, That hereafter, the Constitution and Canons of the Church, and Resolutions of Conventions continuing in force, with the Rules of Order, shall be printed as an Appendix to the Journal of each session of the Convention.—*Adopted May 1844.*

Whereas, the General Convention of 1844 enacted a Canon, allowing to each Bishop, under certain limitations and restrictions, a due discretion in the calling, trial, and examination of Deacons, whenever he should be requested so to do by the Convention of his Diocese: Therefore

Resolved, That this Convention does hereby request the Bishop of this Diocese to use the discretion allowed in said Canon, so far as may seem to him for the glory of God and the good of his Church.—*Adopted May 1845.*

Resolved, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Vestry to transmit to the Minister of the Parish where the Annual Convention of the Diocese may sit, a certificate of the election of the Delegates to said Convention; and to furnish a duplicate of said certificate to some one of said delegates, whose duty it shall be to hand the same to the Secretary of the Convention in time for proper action thereon.—*Adopted May 1847.*

Resolved, That a Committee, to consist of one Clergyman and two Laymen, be annually appointed by the President of the Convention, to be called “the Committee for the relief of disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen,” whose duty it shall be to ascertain and report the amount of money which will probably be

wanted during the succeeding year for such purpose, to make a definite appropriation in each and every case requiring aid, and to make a scale of assessment, upon the Parishes, proportioned generally to the existing scale of assessments for Bishop's salary and contingent fund. Provided, that in case there be at any time no proper objects, there shall be no call made.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention shall be the Treasurer of this Committee, that he receive the moneys contributed to this Fund, and pay them out on the receipt of the individuals, or their representatives, to whom the appropriations may have been made.—*Adopted May 1848.*

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the sum of \$50 to all Clergymen who may be appointed and attend as Delegates to the General Convention of the Church from this Diocese.—*Adopted May 1848.*

Resolved, That all sums received for Missionary purposes, by bequest or other extraordinary donation, shall, if consistent with the will of the donors, be paid over to the Treasurer of the Diocese, with directions to fund the same; and furthermore, that for the present, and until otherwise ordered, he be directed to add to the principal the interest as it may accrue.—*Adopted May 1850.*

Resolved, That the salary of the Bishop of this Diocese be increased, and fixed at Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars.—*Adopted May 1853.*

Resolved, That so much of the resolution, adopted May 23d, 1845, providing for the appointment of Trustees for the Church in this Diocese, under the Act of Assembly ratified the 8th day of January 1845, entitled "An Act to amend the Revised Statutes entitled Religious Societies," as appoints Levi Silliman Ives, lately Bishop of the Diocese, one of the Trustees, be and the same is hereby rescinded and repealed; and that hereafter the Bishop of the Diocese, when there is a Bishop, and when there is no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee, ex-officio, with the two Laymen elected or who may be at any time elected by the Convention, under the said resolution, shall be the Trustees for the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, for the purposes in the said Act mentioned.—*Adopted May 1853.*

Resolved, That a Standing Committee of one Clergyman and two Laymen, to be called the Education Committee, be appointed, of which the Bishop shall be the Chairman *ex officio*, who shall receive, take charge of, invest and disburse any fund or funds that may be contributed, and take such steps as they may deem best to raise funds for the purpose of aiding young men who may be determined to enter the Ministry of this Church, and report their proceedings to the next Convention.

Resolved, It is hereby recommended, that a collection be made for the benefit of the Education Fund, in every Parish of this Diocese, on Whit-Sunday of every year.—*Adopted May 1854.*

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The organization of the Convention by the President.
2. The Convention shall then proceed to appoint a Secretary by ballot.
3. The Committees on the State of the Church, and of Finance, and the Committee on New Congregations, each consisting of five, and the Committee on Unfinished Business, consisting of three, and all special Committees, shall next be appointed.
4. The Bishop's Annual Address.
5. Parochial Reports to be presented to the Convention.
6. Report from the Standing Committee.
7. Report from the Treasurer.
8. Reports from Committees appointed by the last Convention.
9. Reports from Special Committees.
10. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
11. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.
12. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded; and, if required, reduced to writing and read by the Secretary.
13. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motion to lay upon the table, and to adjourn, shall always be in order.
14. A question once decided, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and not be drawn again into debate, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention: *Provided always*, that any member of the Convention voting in favor of any resolution, may, on the same day on which the vote is taken, move a reconsideration of said vote.
15. No member shall be absent from the Sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be from sickness unable to attend.
16. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves the Chair.

FORMS OF DEEDS.

No. 1.

THIS INDENTURE, made and entered into this — day of —, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and —, between — of the County of — and State of —, of the one part, and —, the Wardens and Vestry and Trustees of — Church, —, and members of the said Congregation, (the said Church being a Church of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of North Carolina): Witnesseth, That the said —, for and in consideration of — dollars to him in hand paid by the said —, at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath given, granted, bargained and sold, conveyed and confirmed, and doth by these presents give, grant, bargain and sell, convey and confirm, unto the said —, Wardens and Vestry and Trustees of said — Church, —, their heirs and successors in office, the following lot or parcel of land, situate in —, and bounded as follows, to-wit: — To have and to hold the same, together with all and singular its appurtenances, to the said —, Wardens and Vestry and Trustees aforesaid, their heirs and successors forever, to and for the use and benefit of the Congregation of said — Church, —. And the said — doth, for himself and his heirs, covenant and agree with the said —, Wardens and Vestry and Trustees aforesaid, their heirs and successors, to warrant and defend the same to the said —, Wardens and Vestry and Trustees aforesaid, their heirs and successors forever.

In witness whereof, the said — hath hereunto set his hand and seal, the day and year above written. — [SEAL.]

Signed, sealed and delivered, in presence of —.

No. 2.

THIS INDENTURE, made and entered into this — day of —, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and —, between —, of the County of — and State of —, of the one part, and —, Trustees appointed by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the State of North Carolina, by virtue of the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, passed in the year 1844-45, entitled "An act to amend the Revised Statutes entitled Religious Societies": Witnesseth, That the said —, for and in consideration of — dollars to him in hand paid by the said Trustees as aforesaid, at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath given, granted, bargained and sold, conveyed and confirmed, and doth by these presents give, grant, bargain and sell, convey and confirm, unto the said —, Trustees as aforesaid, their heirs and successors in office, the following lot or parcel of land, situate in —, and bounded as follows, to-wit: — To have and to hold the same, with all and singular its appurtenances, to the said —, Trustees as aforesaid, their heirs and successors in office forever, to and for the use and benefit of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of North Carolina. And the said — doth, for himself and his heirs, [&c., as in the foregoing Deed.]

Standing Committee for 1855-56.

Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D.	Hon. JOHN H. BRYAN.
Rev. F. M. HUBBARD.	GEO. W. MORDECAI.
Rev. ALDERT SMEDES, D. D.	

Executive Missionary Committee.

Rev. GEORGE BENTON.	EDW'D LEE WINSLOW
Rev. JOSEPH C. HUSKE.	C. T. HAIGH.
	E. J. HALE.

Education Committee.

Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D.	Hon. JOHN H. BRYAN.
	G. W. MORDECAI.

Delegates to the General Convention.


Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D.	Hon. THOMAS RUFFIN.
Rev. R. B. DRANE, D. D.	EDWARD LEE WINSLOW.
Rev. E. GEER.	JOSIAH COLLINS.
Rev. J. C. HUSKE.	Hon. WM. H. BATTLE.

Trustees to hold Property for the Diocese.

Rt. Rev. THOS. ATKINSON.
G. W. MORDECAI.
Hon. W. H. BATTLE.

Treasurer of the Convention, CHARLES T. HAIGH, Fayetteville.

Secretary of the Convention, EDWARD LEE WINSLOW, ditto.

 The 40th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, will be held in ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON, on the 3d Wednesday in May 1856.
